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## Deal sealed on federal budget, ensuring no shutdown, default

By ANDREW TAYLOR

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

President Donald Trump and congressional leaders announced Monday a critical debt and budget agreement that's an against-the-odds victory for Washington pragmatists seeking to avoid political and economic tumult over the possibility of a government shutdown or first-ever federal default.

The deal, announced by Trump on Twitter and in a statement by Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer, will restore the government's ability to borrow to pay its bills past next year's elections and build upon recent large budget gains for both the Pentagon and domestic agencies.

"I am pleased to announce that a deal has been struck," Trump tweeted, saying there will be no "poison pills" added to follow-up legislation.

"This was a real compromise in order to give another



Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., addresses the NAACP convention, Monday, July 22, 2019, in Detroit.

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big victory to our Great Military and Vets!"

The agreement is on a broad outline for \$1.37 trillion in agency spending

next year and slightly more in fiscal 2021.

It would mean a win for lawmakers eager to return Washington to a more pre-

dictable path amid political turmoil and polarization, defense hawks determined to cement big military increases and Democrats

seeking to protect domestic programs.

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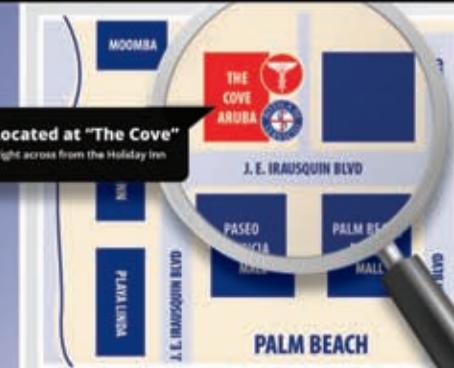
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+297.527.2399**Trump expands fast-track deportation authority across U.S.**By ELLIOT SPAGAT  
**Associated Press**

**SAN DIEGO (AP)** — The Trump administration announced Monday that it will vastly extend the authority of immigration officers to deport migrants without allowing them to appear before judges, its second major policy shift on immigration in eight days.

Starting Tuesday, fast-track deportations can apply to anyone in the country illegally for less than two years. Previously, those deportations were largely limited to people arrested almost immediately after crossing the Mexican border.

Kevin McAleenan, the acting Homeland Security

secretary, portrayed the nationwide extension of "expedited removal" authority as another Trump administration effort to address an "ongoing crisis on the southern border" by freeing up beds in detention facilities and reducing a backlog of more than 900,000 cases in immigration courts.

U.S. authorities do not have space to detain "the vast majority" of people arrested on the Mexican border, leading to the release of hundreds of thousands with notices to appear in court, McAleenan said in the policy directive to be published Tuesday in the Federal Register.

He said Homeland Security



In this July 8, 2019 file photo, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers detain a man during an operation in Escondido, Calif.

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officials with the new deportation power will deport migrants in the country illegally more quickly than the Justice Department's immigration courts, where cases can take years to resolve. The agency "expects that the full use of expedited removal statutory authority will strengthen national security, diminish the number of illegal entries, and otherwise ensure the prompt removal of aliens apprehended in the United States," McAleenan said. The American Civil Liberties Union and American Immigration Council said they would sue to block the policy.

"Under this unlawful plan, immigrants who have lived here for years would be deported with less due process than people get in traffic court," said Omar Jawdat, director of the ACLU's Immigrants' Rights Project.

"Expedited removal" gives enforcement agencies

broad authority to deport people without allowing them to appear before an immigration judge with limited exceptions, including if they express fear of returning home and pass an initial screening interview for asylum.

The powers were created under a 1996 law but went largely unnoticed until 2004, when Homeland Security said it would be enforced for people who are arrested within two weeks of entering the U.S. by land and caught within 100 miles (160 kilometers) of the border.

The potential impact of the new measure is difficult to predict.

McAleenan said 20,570 people arrested in the nation's interior from October 2017 through September 2018 year had been in the U.S. less than two years, which would make them eligible for fast-track deportation under the new rule.

Critics said the new measure's impact could be more far-reaching because many in the U.S. for longer than two years may be unable to prove they have been in the country for so long.

"Expanding the fast-track procedure to apply anywhere in the U.S. is a recipe for ripping thousands more families apart and devastating communities," said Grace Meng, Human Rights Watch's U.S. program acting deputy director.

"This is a massive and dangerous change."

The administration said the expanded authority will likely mean less time for migrants in detention while cases wind their way through immigration court. The average stay in immigration detention for people in fast-track removal was 11.4 days from October 2017 through September 2018, compared to 51.5 days for people arrested in the nation's interior. □

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Nobody notched a big win, but both sides view it as better than a protracted battle this fall.

Pelosi and Schumer said the deal "will enhance our national security and invest in middle class priorities that advance the health, financial security and well-being of the American people." Top congressional GOP leaders issued more restrained statements stressing that the deal is a flawed but achievable outcome of a government in which Pelosi wields considerable power.

However, it also comes as budget deficits are rising to \$1 trillion levels — requiring the government to borrow a quarter for every dollar the government spends — despite the thriving economy and three rounds of annual Trump budget proposals promising to crack down on the domestic programs that Pelosi is successfully defending now. It ignores warnings from deficit and debt scolds who say the nation's fiscal future is unsustainable and will eventually drag down the economy.

"This agreement is a total abdication of fiscal responsibility by Congress and the president," said Maya MacGuineas, president of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a Washington advocacy group. "It may end up being the worst budget agreement in our nation's history, proposed at a time when our fiscal conditions are already precarious."

A push by the White House and House GOP forces for new offsetting spending cuts was largely jettisoned, though Pelosi, D-Calif., gave assurances about not seeking to use the follow-up spending bills as vehi-

cles for aggressively liberal policy initiatives.

The head of a large group of House GOP conservatives swung against the deal. "No new controls are put in place to constrain runaway spending, and a two-year suspension on the debt limit simply adds fuel to the fire," said Republican Study Committee Chairman Mike Johnson, R-La. "With more than \$22 trillion in debt, we simply cannot afford deals like this one."

Fights over Trump's U.S.-Mexico border wall, other immigration-related issues and spending priorities will be rejoined on spending bills this fall that are likely to produce much the same result as current law. The House has passed most of its bills, using far higher levels for domestic spending. Senate measures will follow this fall, with levels reflecting the accord.

At issue are two separate but pressing items on Washington's must-do agenda: increasing the debt limit to avert a first-ever default on U.S. payments and acting to set overall spending limits and prevent \$125 billion in automatic spending cuts from hitting the Pentagon and domestic agencies with 10 percent cuts starting in January.

The threat of the automatic cuts represents the last gasp of a failed 2011 budget and debt pact between former President Barack Obama and then-Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, that promised future spending and deficit cuts to cover a \$2 trillion increase in the debt. But a bipartisan deficit "super-committee" failed to deliver, and lawmakers were unwilling to live with the follow-up cuts to defense and domestic accounts. This is the fourth deal since 2013 to reverse those cuts.

Prospects for an agreement, a months-long priority of top Senate Republican Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., became far brighter when Pelosi returned to Washington this month and aggressively pursued the pact with Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, who was anointed lead negotiator instead of more conservative options like acting White House Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney or hardline Budget Director Russell Vought.

Mnuchin was eager to avert a crisis over the government's debt limit. There's some risk of a first-ever U.S. default in September, and that added urgency to the negotiations.

The pact would defuse the debt limit issue for two years, meaning that Trump



President Donald Trump speaks during a meeting with Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan in the Oval Office of the White House, Monday, July 22, 2019, in Washington.

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or his Democratic successor would not have to confront the politically difficult issue until well into 2021. Washington's arcane budget rules give each side a way to paint the numbers favorably. Generally

speaking, the deal would lock in place big increases won by both sides in a 2018 pact driven by the demands of GOP defense hawks and award future increases consistent with low inflation. □



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## Equifax to pay up to \$700M in data breach settlement

By SARAH SKIDMORE SELL  
and KEN SWEET

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Equifax will pay at least \$700 million — and potentially much more — to settle lawsuits over a 2017 data breach that exposed the Social Security numbers and similar sensitive information of roughly half of the U.S. population.

The settlement with federal authorities and states, reached Monday, includes up to \$425 million in monetary relief to consumers, a \$100 million civil penalty, and other offers to the nearly 150 million people who could have been affected. It can't, however, guarantee safety for individuals whose stolen information could circulate on the internet for decades.

The breach was one of the largest ever to threaten Americans' private information.

The credit reporting company didn't notice the intruders targeting its databases, who exploited a known security vulnerability that Equifax hadn't fixed, for more than six weeks.

The compromised data included Social Security numbers, birth dates, addresses, driver license numbers, credit card numbers and in some cases, data from passports. The resulting scandal led to the abrupt dismissal of Equifax's then-CEO and many other executives at the company.

"Companies that profit from personal information have an extra responsibility to protect and secure that data," said Federal Trade Commission Chairman Joe Simons. "Equifax failed to take basic steps that may have prevented the breach."

Equifax CEO Mark Begor said in a statement that the settlement "reinforces



This July 21, 2012, file photo shows signage at the corporate headquarters of Equifax Inc., in Atlanta. Equifax will pay up to \$700 million to settle with the Federal Trade Commission and others over a 2017 data breach that exposed Social Security numbers and other private information of nearly 150 million people.

our commitment to putting consumers first and safeguarding their data."

Consumer advocates were generally positive on the settlement, but had concerns about its timescale. Claims can only be filed for the next four years, but the thieves stole permanently identifiable information like Social Security numbers and birthdates, the data could be used for decades to commit identity theft.

"What happens if a consumer is the victim of ID theft in the fifth year resulting from the breach, which costs the consumer tens of thousands of dollars?" said Chi Chi Wu, staff attorney at the National Consumer Law Center.

Shares of Equifax, which plunged 30% following disclosure of the breach, have since made up that drop. On Monday, Equifax stock

price closed at \$137.84 — not far from its price of \$141.45, where it was trading just before the breach was disclosed on Sept. 7, 2017. Business analysts say the settlement will remove a cloud of uncertainty over Equifax's business.

It also, however, underscores that U.S. consumers are still at the mercy of the credit-reporting companies when it comes to protecting their crucial personal details. Two years after the breach, Equifax, along with its competitors TransUnion and Experian, remain the primary repositories of the data that banks use to make credit decisions.

They face little regulation and disclose few details about their operations, despite promises to tighten security and rebuild consumer trust. Ordinary people have no easy way to opt

out of the data collection that lands their personal details in corporate databases.

Equifax's CEO said he has seen zero evidence the stolen data has appeared for sale on the so-called "dark web" and no evidence of an increased identity theft because of the breach. The company did not provide any evidence to back up that claim.

Security experts said there's really no way to know, especially in the absence of third-party validation. "You cannot determine with certainty that the information will never wind up in the hands of people who are going to use it," said Ryan Calo, a law professor at the University of Washington.

"It is a lifetime risk exposure," said Rich Mogull, CEO of the security firm Securisys, who added that

the data might be useful for surreptitious uses beyond direct identity fraud. Settlement payments will flow through a number of complex channels. Equifax will initially pay \$380.5 million into a fund to cover identity theft resulting from the breach, as well as any costs related to credit monitoring. The company will pay an additional \$125 million if victims' out-of-pocket expenses deplete the initial fund.

Should all 147 million victims sign up for credit monitoring services, Equifax could potentially be on the hook for \$2 billion.

Equifax will offer victims of the breach free credit monitoring services for up to 10 years, identity-restoration services for seven years, and six Equifax credit reports annually for the next seven years. That's on top of the free report all credit reporting companies must offer U.S. residents every year.

Victims can also seek up to \$125 as a reimbursement for the cost of a credit-monitoring product of their choice. Consumers must submit claims for free credit monitoring or cash reimbursements. The settlement received preliminary approval from a federal judge Monday, and claims can start processing Tuesday.

Equifax will have to spend at least \$1 billion over five years to enhance its cybersecurity practices and will owe a \$100 million fine to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and tens of millions of dollars to states and territories to settle their lawsuits.

For information on the terms of the settlement, as well as to file a claim, potential victims should go to <https://www.equifaxbreachsettlement.com>. □

## Franken says he 'absolutely' regrets resigning from Senate

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Former Democratic U.S. Sen. Al Franken of Minnesota told The New Yorker magazine in a story published Monday that he "absolutely" regrets resigning from the Senate after several women accused him of unwanted kissing or touching. In the same article, seven current or former senators say they regret calling for Franken's resignation in December 2017. Franken resigned his seat after conservative talk radio host Leeann Tweeden and seven other women accused him of sexual harassment. The article, Franken's first interview since leaving the Senate, calls into question some of the assertions against Franken and quotes several female former staff members and close friends who described him as physically clumsy but not predatory.

Franken said at the time that the allegations were false, and he repeats that in The New Yorker article. A former comedian who made his name on "Saturday Night Live," Franken resigned amid a national wave of sexual harassment allegations against men in powerful positions as the #MeToo movement was gaining momentum. Both Franken and Tweeden had called for an independent investigation at the time, but none was conducted before fellow Democrats forced Franken to resign three weeks after Tweeden made her claims. Asked by The New Yorker whether he regretted stepping down, Franken said: "Oh, yeah. Absolutely."



In this Dec. 7, 2017, file photo, Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., second from right, holds hands with his wife Franni Bryson, left, as he leaves the Capitol after speaking on the Senate floor on Capitol Hill in Washington.

"I can't go anywhere without people reminding me of this, usually with some version of 'You shouldn't have resigned,'" he told the magazine.

Tweeden alleged in 2017 that Franken told her during a USO tour to entertain soldiers in 2006 that he had written a comedy skit with her in mind that required her to kiss him. She said Franken forcibly kissed her and stuck his tongue in her mouth during a rehearsal of the sketch before they performed it in Afghanistan. The New Yorker cited two actresses, Karri Turner and Traylor Portman, who had played the same role as Tweeden on earlier USO tours with Franken. Both told the magazine that they had performed the same role as Tweeden on earlier tours with Franken

and that there was nothing inappropriate about his behavior.

Tweeden also released a photo showing Franken, who was then a comedian, reaching out toward her breasts, as if to grope her, as she slept in a flak jacket while on a military aircraft during the USO tour. The New Yorker reported that the pose echoed another USO skit in which a "Dr. Franken" approaches Tweeden's character with his hands aiming at her breasts.

Tweeden, during her KABC-AM radio show in California on Monday, briefly reacted to The New Yorker article by saying she wishes she had been among the women who performed the kissing skit with Franken and didn't feel like they had been harassed.

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"I wish I was in that group," she said.

Seven senators who had called for Franken's resignation said they'd been wrong to do so. They are Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, now-former Democratic Sen. Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota, Democratic Sen. Tammy Duckworth of Illinois, independent Sen. Angus King of Maine, Democratic Sen. Jeff Merkley of Oregon, Democratic Sen. Tom Udall of New Mexico and now-former Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson of Florida.

Leahy said that seeking Franken's resignation without first getting all the facts was "one of the biggest mistakes I've made" in his 45-year Senate career.

U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York was among the first to call for Franken's

resignation. Some Democratic donors have turned away from Gillibrand because of that, hurting her 2020 bid for the presidency. "I'd do it again today," Gillibrand said in the article. "If a few wealthy donors are angry about that, it's on them."

Asked at an event in New York late Monday if she regretted calling for Franken's resignation, Gillibrand said she "could have told" any of the senators who are now expressing remorse that "there is no prize for someone who tries to hold accountable a powerful man who is good at his day job. But we should have the courage to do it anyway."

"So no," Gillibrand added.

"I do not have any regrets." She also noted that female senators like herself were hounded every day about whether they would call for Franken's resignation while their male colleagues were not.

"Let's be clear, there is absolutely a double standard," Gillibrand said. "Women are asked to hold accountable their colleagues; the men are not. Who is being held accountable for Al Franken's decision to resign? Women senators, including me. It's outrageous. It's absurd."

Franken was replaced in the Senate by Tina Smith, a Democrat appointed by Democratic Gov. Mark Dayton who had been serving as his lieutenant governor. Smith won a special election in 2018 and is running in 2020 for a full six-year term. Several Republicans are weighing bids to challenge her. □

## 2 fired over post suggesting Ocasio-Cortez should be shot

**GRETNA, La. (AP)** — Two members of a police department in a New Orleans suburb were fired Monday — one for a Facebook post calling U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez a "vile idiot" and suggesting that she be shot, the other for "liking" the post.

Gretna Police Chief Arthur Lawson announced the terminations Monday. Officer Charlie Rispoli was fired for a post saying Ocasio-Cortez "needs a round" and not "the kind she used to serve" — an

apparent reference to her having once been a bartender.

Officer Angelo Varisco was fired for "liking" the post.

"It's very disappointing," Lawson said, adding that the Gretna department trains officers on diversity issues and use of social media — and that officers were undergoing such training this month.

Lawson said an internal investigation began after he was informed of the post by The Times-Picayune/The New Orleans Advocate. The

newspaper reported that Rispoli's post included a fake story with a fabricated quote to make it appear as if Ocasio-Cortez said "We pay soldiers too much."

Lawson said the offending post has been removed and that the department has contacted Facebook to see whether any other officers were involved.

Lawson said both officers cooperated in the investigation and he does not believe either intended violence. □

"Whether it was a joke or it wasn't a joke, it was improper to make a comment like that, to insinuate a violent act against an individual, against an elected official, against a seated U.S. congressman," Lawson said. "We've seen this, we've experienced an act like this," he added, noting that Rep. Steve Scalise of Jefferson was shot and seriously wounded by a gunman in 2017 in Virginia while practicing for an annual congressional baseball game. □

## NY state police lag behind agencies nationwide on camera use

By RYAN TARINELLI

Associated Press

**ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)**—A highway shoulder is where New York state troopers spotted Luke Patterson, walking by himself around 2 a.m. after his car became disabled. By the end of the encounter in rural New York, the 41-year-old chef would be killed by a trooper's gunfire. Authorities say the trooper shot him when he made a sudden movement toward the cruiser after behaving strangely. The man's family said he had been having psychiatric problems but posed no threat to anyone. Unlike many other police shootings across the U.S., no video of the May 23 confrontation exists to help determine what happened.

That's because New York remains one of only five states where the primary state law enforcement agency is not equipped with dashboard cameras, according to a nationwide Associated Press survey. Four of those states — Rhode Island, New Hampshire, New York and Massachusetts — are in the Northeast. Hawaii's primary state law enforcement agency also does not have dashboard cameras, but it doesn't have a state-level highway patrol, so it has far fewer interactions with citizens.

"We don't know what happened, other than what they say happened," said



This May 8, 2017 file photo provided by his family shows Luke Patterson. Patterson was shot and killed by a New York State Trooper on May 23, 2019, while walking alone along the shoulder of a highway.

Luke Patterson's father, Mark Patterson.

The New York agency lacks body cameras too. It says it once employed VHS and later digital cameras on a limited number of vehicles, but it didn't have the funds to maintain the VHS equipment and the digital cameras required "costly maintenance."

"It's astonishing that the New York State Police have no video accountability," said Christopher Dunn, legal director of the New York Civil Liberties Union.

While use of dashboard

cameras is common, the AP survey found most primary state law enforcement agencies do not have body cameras.

More than a dozen reported implementing body cameras in some form or taking part in a pilot program. Those include agencies for the two largest states by population, California and Texas.

New York City's police department, the nation's biggest, finished its rollout of about 20,000 body cameras this year.

Law enforcement experts

praise the use of police cameras, arguing that the technology can increase transparency and is well worth the cost. They also say the cameras can be a benefit to both officers and citizens.

That point has been highlighted in several cases in recent years:

— Body camera footage cleared a Texas trooper after he was falsely accused of sexual assault by a woman he arrested.

— Dashboard camera footage sparked protests over the killing of Laquan Mc-

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Donald, a black teenager who was shot by a white Chicago police officer. The footage showed the teen veering away from authorities, images that contradicted officers' claims that he lunged at them with a knife. The officer, Jason Van Dyke, was ultimately convicted of second-degree murder.

— Body camera footage played a key role in the conviction of a former Dallas-area officer who shot and killed a black, unarmed 15-year-old boy. The jury was unconvinced by the officer's argument that he feared for his partner's life when he opened fire into a car driving away from a large house party in 2017.

New York State Police, an agency that had about 4,975 sworn members late last month, says it has no plans to implement dashboard or body cameras but continues to "evaluate new technologies."

The technology gap shocked the parents of Luke Patterson, the restaurateur who was killed on Interstate 84 in Orange County, a couple of hours north of New York City.

"Where were the body cams?" said his mother, Elena Patterson.

Authorities found Luke Patterson walking on a highway shoulder after they responded to a report of a vehicle abandoned in the road. □

## Leader of American Airlines pilots wants candor from Boeing

By DAVID KOENIG

AP Airlines Writer

**FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)**

— The new president of the American Airlines pilots' union says his group will help assure the public that the Boeing 737 Max is safe when it is cleared to fly again.

But Eric Ferguson also says Boeing needs to fully explain how the Max differs from previous versions of the 737 — something Boeing failed to do when it rolled out the new model.

"We can't know what we do not know, so we are



The logo for Boeing appears above a trading post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Monday, July 22, 2019.

Associated Press

expecting full disclosure of every modification to the air frame," Ferguson told

reporters Monday.

Ferguson took over the Allied Pilots Association in

June, a few months after a heated meeting between Boeing officials and some American Airlines pilots. The pilots were angry that the manufacturer had not told them about new flight-control software that could push the plane's nose down.

The software activated based on faulty sensor data on flights that crashed off Indonesia and in Ethiopia, killing 346 people.

Boeing is reworking the software and hopes to get the plane flying again in the fourth quarter, although

some analysts think 2020 is more likely.

Boeing and some of the airlines that use the Max are in the early stages of designing a public relations campaign to make passengers feel safe boarding a plane that has crashed twice.

"When we see Allied Pilots Association pilots operating the airplane, the flying public can be assured that it is safe to operate, we will not compromise in that area," Ferguson said. He added that the pilots "will participate as necessary to assure the public that it is safe." □

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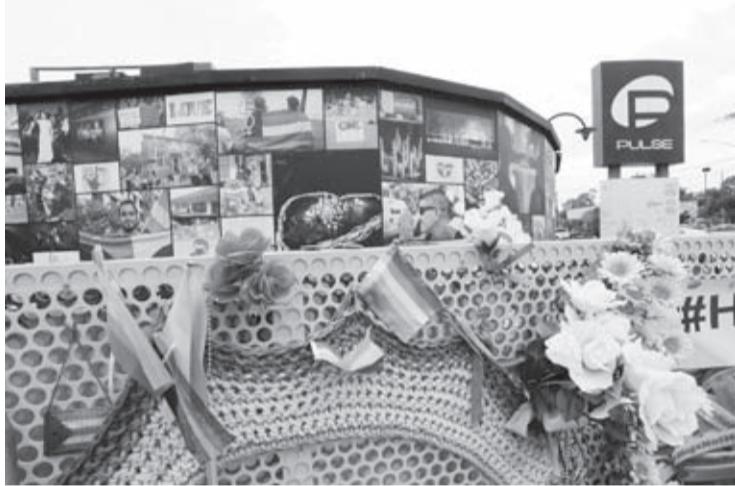
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This June 10, 2019, file photo shows an outside view of the Pulse nightclub temporary memorial before a news conference to introduce legislation that would designate the Pulse nightclub site as a national memorial in Orlando, Fla.

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## Ex-candidate admits lying about operating on Pulse survivors

By MIKE SCHNEIDER  
Associated Press

**ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)** — A former candidate for the Florida Legislature acknowledged to state investigators that she lied when she said she was a medical doctor who had removed 77 bullets from 32 victims of the Pulse nightclub shooting in 2016.

The Florida Department of Health last week issued a cease and desist order against Catherine "Elizabeth" McCarthy, ordering her to stop holding herself out to be a medical doctor. In a report accompanying the order, McCarthy apologized to a state health department investigator, saying she "wanted to be somebody in the community."

"I'm sorry that I gave any impersonation," McCarthy said in the report. "I knew it was wrong and I should have stopped."

Earlier this month, McCarthy withdrew from the 2020

Democratic primary for a Florida House seat that covers suburban Orlando. In a letter to elections officials, she cited "professional obligations" as her reason for withdrawing. The seat currently is held by a Republican and state records show McCarthy had raised only \$1,500 by the time she withdrew.

Reached by telephone on Monday, McCarthy said she couldn't talk because of the cease and desist order. Online state records show she had led two businesses in the past decade, C.A.R.E. For Women Foundation Inc. and Encore Events, but both enterprises were dissolved.

McCarthy had represented herself as a medical doctor at two political forums this year and was confronted about her credentials by a reporter for Florida Politics website after one of those events, according to the Department of Health report.□

## NYC mayor calls for probe as many wait for power to return

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Mayor Bill de Blasio called for an investigation Monday of power outages that came at the end of this weekend's oppressive heat, saying he no longer trusts utility Con Edison after it decided to turn off power to thousands of customers.

Around 30,000 customers in Brooklyn were taken off power Sunday, so the utility could make repairs and prevent a bigger outage, de Blasio had said earlier.

On Monday, he offered a blistering assessment of that decision.

"This should not have happened," he told reporters, "and we need to make sure it doesn't happen again."

De Blasio said the private company is "not accountable to the public in a way a public agency would be."

"Con Ed is very haughty about this," the mayor said. "They don't give real answers, and they don't feel they have to."

The company defended its decision, saying in a statement to The Associated Press that it was "necessary to prevent longer outages to the impacted customers that would have occurred as a result of additional equipment damage."

"We are completely focused on getting customers back in service, and we regret the distress they are under," spokesman Allan Drury wrote in an email.

De Blasio's remarks came as Con Ed was working to restore power to about 19,000 customers, many of them in southeast Brooklyn. The utility said in an emailed



People line up to get dry ice from a Con Edison truck in a neighborhood without power in the New York borough of Brooklyn, Monday, July 22, 2019.

Associated Press

statement that it was working to restore power to everyone by the afternoon, but as of 5 p.m. Monday, about 10,800 customers remained without power, mostly in Brooklyn.

Like much of the East Coast, New York City experienced temperatures in the high 90s over the weekend — and felt much hotter with the humidity. Temperatures were starting to fall Monday, and city emergency management officials warned of thunderstorms. "It's still hot and people have a right to be frustrated. We're pushing Con Ed to get power back as fast as possible," De Blasio tweeted.

De Blasio said that New York City emergency management was adding personnel on the ground in southeast Brooklyn, including at nursing homes and adult care facilities, to respond to emergencies and keep people safe.

De Blasio told reporters the city still does not have answers in the wake of outages a week ago that

crippled the heart of Manhattan, knocking out power businesses and residents for more than three hours along a 30-block stretch.

"I'm extremely disappointed with Con Ed," the mayor said. "They have been giving us consistently inconsistent information over these last days."

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said he deployed 200 state troopers, 100 generators and 50 light towers to Brooklyn, as well as personnel and command vehicles from the state Office of Emergency Management. He urged New Yorkers to check on neighbors, especially the elderly.

Cuomo also said he directed the state Department of Public Service to widen its investigation into last week's blackout in Manhattan to include Sunday's outages in Brooklyn. Equipment failure, not heat, caused the roughly five-hour blackout July 13 that affected a 40-block stretch of Manhattan, including Times Square and Rockefeller Center.□

## Macron says UN refugee agency attacked, decries Libya camps

By ELAINE GANLEY

Associated Press

**PARIS (AP)** — French President Emmanuel Macron called on Libyan authorities Monday to stop holding transiting refugees in detention camps and said buildings of the United Nations' refugee agency in Libya were attacked earlier in the day.

Macron did not elaborate on the attack he said was carried out on buildings of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. He said Libya should end the "confinement" of refugees and house in safe places those who reach the North African country.

Libya has become a major conduit for African migrants and refugees hoping to reach Europe by crossing the Mediterranean Sea. An airstrike on a detention center near the Libyan capital killed more than 50 migrants and wounded dozens of others earlier this month.

Macron met with U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi and the director general of the International Organization for Migration on Monday, after European ministers in Paris tried to find agreement on dealing with Europe-bound migrants who use Libya as a stepping stone.

The European Union has spent hundreds of millions of euros to equip and train Libya's coast guard and to improve the conditions of the detention centers.



French President Emmanuel Macron gestures as he speaks to the media after a meeting with United Nations and European officials at the Elysee Palace in Paris, France, Monday, July 22, 2019.

Associated Press

Under a deal with the EU, Libyan vessels apprehend refugees and migrants setting out from the coast and take them back.

Macron announced that eight countries had formally signed on to a French-German initiative to cooperate in a burden-sharing mechanism and 14 assented to it. Southern European countries like Italy and Greece have complained for years that they shoulder a disproportionate responsibility for arriving migrants. "Europe isn't a la carte when it comes to solidarity," Macron said, with countries saying they don't

want a Europe that shares burdens but are in favor of unity "when it's about receiving structural funds."

Absent from the closed-door meeting of EU interior and foreign ministers was Italy's populist, anti-migrant interior minister, Matteo Salvini. He tweeted strong disagreement Sunday with letting France and Germany determine the bloc's refugee policy while nations like Italy are on the front line.

"We intend to make ourselves respected," Salvini declared in another tweet. Without naming Italy, Macron regretted the absence of some countries from the table, saying that "we gain nothing by non-cooperation."

However, he reiterated the law of the sea by which boats must be able to enter the surest and closest port, which for vessels coming from Libya typically is Italy. Salvini has barred private aid ships that rescue migrants from entering Italy's ports, forcing NGOs to find another country willing to allow their rescue boats to dock and bartering among nations to divide up the migrants onboard.

U.N. High Commissioner Grandi said he was encouraged by the progress in finding a method for sharing the work of housing asylum-seekers and processing their applications.

Last month, Grandi and International Organization for Migration Director General Antonio Vitorino lamented that the EU had no predictable strategy for providing rescue boats with safe harbor and sharing newly arrived migrants.

The number of migrant crossings on the central Mediterranean route that leads to Italy has diminished drastically since 2015 and 2016.

"We no longer are living an arrival crisis .... We live a crisis of deaths," Vitorino said. According to the IOM, up to June 19, there were 2,252 arrivals in Italy and 1,151 in Malta, while at least 343 people died at sea.

German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas voiced hope earlier in the day that a solution was on the horizon.

"The haggling about emergency rescue in the Mediterranean must finally end," German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said after the ministerial meeting. "It is really necessary that we manage to put together a coalition of those who are prepared to help, and I think we came a step closer to that today."

The UNHCR and IOM chiefs joined Macron in stressing the need for rescue help from NGOs, which Italy has denounced, claiming they help traffickers. □

## New government for Spain hinges on late deal by left rivals

Associated Press

**MADRID (AP)** — Spain's caretaker prime minister acknowledged in his first appeal to parliament Monday to win its backing to form a government that he still lacks key votes to earn its endorsement.

The parliamentary debate arrived after a frantic weekend of talks by Pedro Sánchez's Socialists with the far-left United We Can party to strike a last-minute deal to create a coalition government.

"I propose a government that is progressive, that pro-

tects the environment, that furthers women's rights and that strengthens Europe," Sánchez told the Madrid-based Congress of Deputies, the lower house of parliament. But after outlining a battery of policies aimed primarily at combating unemployment, the impacts of climate change and the new digital economy, and improving education, Sánchez waited to the very end of his two-hour speech to include a short message aimed at United We Can.

"We have seen that it is not easy for us to reach an

agreement," Sánchez told United We Can's parliament members.

"(But) it is up to us to keep working and see this through. And then we will have the opportunity to move forward with that which unites us, which are the promises of the left, a society of men and women living in harmony with nature." Sánchez's Socialists won the April 28 general election with 123 seats but he still needs the support of United We Can's 42 seats and other smaller parties to stay in power. □



Spain's caretaker Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez gives a speech during the parliamentary debate at the Spanish parliament in Madrid, Spain, Monday, July 22, 2019.

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## Firefighters battle wildfire in Portugal, 32 people hurt

By BARRY HATTON

HELENA ALVES

Associated Press

**COLOS, Portugal (AP)** —

More than 1,000 firefighters and 14 water-dropping aircraft battled a major wildfire Monday amid scorching temperatures in Portugal, where forest blazes wreak destruction every summer.

As temperatures reached almost 40 C (104 F) in the afternoon, and a wind blew up, the blaze that had been largely contained overnight rekindled in some areas. Huge pillars of black smoke appeared on the horizon for a third straight day.

Officials said cooler overnight temperatures had allowed authorities to bring under control about 90% of the fire area in the Castelo Branco district, 200 kilometers (about 125 miles) northeast of the capital Lisbon. But the Civil Protection Agency kept its firefighting assets, including 318 vehicles, in the area to move in quickly when they reignited.

The government said it had asked for help from neighboring Spain, which was sending two water-dumping airplanes. They were due to arrive later Monday. Forests in the region are tinder-dry after weeks with little rain.



Fighters try to extinguish a wildfire near Cardigos village, in central Portugal on Sunday, July 21, 2019.

The Portuguese Civil Protection Agency said the fire has injured 32 people, one seriously, as it raced through thick woodlands. Police said they were investigating what caused the fire amid suspicions it may have been started deliberately.

High temperatures were forecast for most of the week in Portugal amid a spell of blistering weather that is due to hit northern Europe later this week. Recent weeks have also seen major wildfires in Spain, Greece and Ger-

many. European Union authorities have warned that wildfires are "a growing menace" across the continent.

Huge wildfires have long been a summer fixture in Portugal.

Residents of villages and hamlets in central Portugal have grown accustomed to the summer blazes, which destroy fruit trees, olive trees and crops in the fields.

In the hamlet of Colos, 50-year-old beekeeper Antonio Pires said he had lost half of his beehives in the

are significantly bigger than Portugal. Almost 11,500 firefighters are on standby this year, most of them volunteers. Volunteers are not uncommon in fire brigades in Europe, especially in Germany where more than 90% are volunteers.

Experts and authorities have identified several factors that make Portugal so particularly vulnerable to forest blazes. Addressing some of them is a long-term challenge.

The population of the Portuguese countryside has thinned as people have moved to cities in search of a better life. That means woodland has become neglected, especially as many of those left behind are elderly, and the forest debris is fuel for wildfires.

Large areas of central and northern Portugal are covered in dense, unbroken stretches of forest on hilly terrain. A lot of forest is pine and eucalyptus trees, both of which burn fiercely.

Environmentalists have urged the government to limit the area of eucalyptus, which burns like a torch. But it is a very valuable crop for Portugal's important paper pulp industry, which last year posted sales worth 2.7 billion euros (\$3 billion). The government says it is introducing restrictions gradually. □

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current wildfire. Pires sells to mainly Portuguese and German clients, but also to Brazil and China.

"(I lost) 100 out of 230 (hives), so almost half," Pires said. "A lot of damage."

The country's deadliest fire season came in 2017, when at least 106 people were killed.

The average annual area charred by wildfires in Portugal between 2010 and 2016 was just over 100,000 hectares (247,000 acres). That was more than in Spain, France, Italy or Greece — countries which

## Syrian activists say airstrikes kill 27 in rebel-held town

By ZEINA KARAM

Associated Press

**BEIRUT (AP)** — Multiple airstrikes hit a busy market in a rebel-controlled town in northwestern Syria on Monday, killing at least 27 people and turning several buildings into piles of rubble, according to opposition activists and a war monitor. Shortly afterward, state media said rebels shelled a government-held village, killing seven.

The high death toll marked a sharp increase in the escalation between the two sides amid intense fighting. Government troops, backed by Russian air cover, have been trying since April to push their way into the enclave in the northwestern corner of Syria, near the Turkish border.

Dominated by al-Qaida-linked militants and other jihadi groups, Idlib province and northern parts of the nearby Hama region is the last major rebel stronghold in the country outside the control of Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Despite the heavy bombardment, Assad's forces have been unable to make any significant advances. Militant groups have hit back hard, killing an average of more than a dozen soldiers and allied militiamen per day in recent



This photo provided by the Syrian Civil Defense White Helmets, shows Syrian White Helmet civil defense workers search for victims from under the rubble of a destroyed building in Idlib province, Syria, Monday, July 22, 2019.

weeks.

The fighting has killed more than 2,000 people and displaced hundreds of thousands.

The struggling campaign also underscores the limits of Syria's and Russia's airpower and inability to achieve a definitive victory in the country's long-running civil war, now in its ninth year.

Monday's airstrikes took place in the town of Maaret al-Numan and also wounded more than 30 people,

according to the reports from the region, which has witnessed intensive airstrikes and bombardment almost every day for the past three months. The strikes came in several rounds and caused widespread destruction, burying several people under the rubble. Hours after the airstrikes, paramedics were able to remove a little girl alive, rushing her to a nearby ambulance. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Hu-

man Rights, a war monitor, called it the largest single death toll since a Russian-Turkish truce collapsed in late April.

Syrian state news agency SANA said insurgents shelled the village of Jourin in the northern part of Hama province, killing seven civilians when a shell hit a moving car. State TV also reported that insurgents shelled the government-held town of Suqailiyah, wounding four people, including a child, while a

shell hit a university in the coastal city of Latakia, a government stronghold, without causing any casualties.

Syrian opposition activists said Russian warplanes carried out Monday's airstrikes, but Russia's Defense Ministry dismissed the reports as a "hoax," adding that the Russian air force didn't "carry out any missions in that area in Syria." There was no immediate comment from the Syrian government.

The Observatory, which monitors the fighting on the ground in Syria through a network of activists, said 37 people were killed, including two children and three women, in the strike on Maaret al-Numan. It added that the number of casualties from Monday's airstrike was likely to rise due to the large number of wounded. The Thiqqa news agency, an activist collective in northern Syria, reported that the strike killed 27 people.

A member of the Syrian Civil Defense, also known as White Helmets, said one of their colleagues was killed in a second airstrike that hit the market.

On Sunday, government bombing in Idlib killed at least 11 civilians according to the Observatory and first responders. □

## Rights group: Iraq government mismanaging water crisis

By ALI ABDUL-HASSAN

Associated Press

**BASRA, Iraq (AP)** — Increased rainfall in Iraq this year has helped alleviate a water crisis in Basra and may avert the kind of large-scale and violent protests that afflicted the southern province last summer.

However, a leading rights group and many Basra residents accuse Iraqi authorities of doing little to address the underlying conditions causing the water shortages and pollution crisis, warning of outbreaks of water-borne diseases and continued economic hardship for the governorate's 4 million people.

"The government urgently needs to act," Belkis Wille



In this Saturday, July 20, 2019 photo, potable water pipes mix with sewage at a garbage dump in Basra, southeast of Baghdad, Iraq.

of Human Rights Watch told a press conference in Baghdad, where the organization released its report on Basra's water crisis. "The people of Iraq have a right to know what is in their environment and how to keep safe."

The report, entitled "Basra is Thirsty: Iraq's Failure to Manage the Water Crisis," said a full year after Basra's violent protests, authorities continue to allow activities that pollute the province's water resources despite the health risks to residents.

Promised government projects to improve water quality have failed to materialize due to mismanagement and corruption, it said, and warned of outbreaks of water-borne diseases if the problems are left unaddressed.

Basra's acute water problems have been going on for decades, leading to outbreaks of protests every summer. The protests turned into a full-blown crisis last year after thousands of people were hospitalized due to stomach ailments and skin rashes blamed on the water quality. The contaminated water, along with other failing city services and soaring unemployment, also led to

violent protests and rioting in Basra, Iraq's oil-exporting capital. During a week of demonstrations, protesters set fire to government buildings and offices of Iranian-backed militias that they blame for mismanagement and profiteering while residents struggle with poverty.

After years of meager rains, Iraq had seen its wettest winter in a generation, restoring freshwater marshes in southern Iraq and bringing welcome relief to the local population. The deluge of the winter months has slightly decreased salinity in Basra's drinking water, as the revived rivers flushed the salt away and filled the marshes with fresh water. □

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## Duterte: No way to stop China from fishing in exclusive zone

By JIM GOMEZ

Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines (AP)

— Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte said Monday there was no way to stop Chinese nationals from fishing in his country's exclusive economic zone claimed by China and added that he would not risk losing Filipino forces in a clash with the Asian superpower in the disputed South China Sea. "When Xi says I will fish, who can prevent him?" Duterte said as he defended his nonconfrontational approach to China over the territorial disputes in his annual state of the nation address before a joint session of Congress. He was referring to Chinese President Xi Jinping.

"If I send my marines to drive away the Chinese fishermen, I guarantee you not one of them will come home alive," Duterte said, adding that diplomatic talks with Beijing have allowed the return of Filipinos to disputed fishing grounds where Chinese forces pre-



Protesters display balloons with their messages as they prepare to march closer to the Philippine Congress to protest the 4th State of the Nation (SONA) address of Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte Monday, July 22, 2019 in suburban Quezon city, northeast of Manila, Philippines.

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viously shooed them away. Critics have repeatedly criticized Duterte, who has nurtured friendly ties with Beijing, for not standing up to China's aggressive behavior in the disputed waters and deciding not to immediately seek Chinese

compliance with an international arbitration ruling that invalidated Beijing historic claims to virtually the entire sea.

On his battle against illegal drugs and corruption, Duterte asked Congress to allow the reimposition of

the death penalty for drug-related heinous crimes and economic plunder. He said the drug menace, which he called a "social monster," could not be crushed unless corruption is eliminated.

The Philippines' long-sim-

mering territorial rifts with China and Duterte's centerpiece campaign against illegal drugs and corruption were spotlighted in his speech. But he also asked for Congress's help in dealing with diverse social ills and governance issues ranging from slow internet, delays in releases of government clearances to traffic jams.

Duterte outlined problems he had resolved, sometimes through scare tactics, like the easing of a water shortage last summer in the Philippine capital after he threatened to fire officials. Although the annual speech is traditionally replete in protocol and formality, he injected sexual jokes, curses and threats that have been the trademark of his often-rambling speeches. During the water crisis in the capital, for example, he said he did not want to travel to Manila. "What if my girlfriend will not be able to take a bath, she will smell like hell," he said. □

## South Korea detains 6 for illegally entering Japan consulate



South Korean police officers detain protesters at backyard of Japanese consulate in Busan, South Korea, Monday, July 22, 2019.

Associated Press

By HYUNG-JIN KIM

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Police on Monday detained six South Koreans for allegedly illegally entering a Japanese diplomatic facility in South Korea and staging an anti-Tokyo demonstration there.

The incident came amid growing anti-Japanese sentiments in South Korea as the two countries are locked in trade and political disputes. On Friday, a 78-year-old South Korean man died after setting himself on fire near the Japanese Embassy in Seoul. The six men and women were given temporary passes to enter the Japanese Consulate in the southeastern city of Busan

earlier Monday after they told staff there they would visit a library inside the building, according to Busan police officers. No major violence or clashes were reported. But police detained the six people for trespassing because they were admitted to the building to visit the library, not stage a rally, the officers said, requesting anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media on the matter. While the six were being detained, activists were holding anti-Japanese rallies outside the consulate. Later Monday, about 30 people rallied in front of a Busan police station, calling for the release of the six people, according to police. □

## Brazil removing independents from drugs policy council

By DIANE JEANTET

Associated Press

**RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)** — Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro on Monday stripped a council that sets guidelines for drug policies of almost all non-government members, reviving claims that he is trying to stifle dissenting voices.

He also announced he'd like to eliminate most such councils altogether.

"We want to wipe out the councils, extinguish the vast majority of them so that the government can function," Bolsonaro told reporters Monday, criticizing the presence of members appointed under previous governments who might not share the views of his administration.

"We cannot be held hostage by councils," Bolsonaro said.

The decree nearly halves the size of the council that advises the government and Congress on all drug abuse issues. The body, which operates under the Justice and Public Security Ministry, approves or updates the national plan on drugs policy.

Experts chosen by associations of jurists, physicians, nurses, social workers and



Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro smiles while wearing a Soya Growers' Association hat at the end of a swearing-in ceremony for the newly-named president of Brazil's Development Bank, at the Planalto presidential palace, in Brasilia, Brazil, Tuesday, July 16, 2019.

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other independent groups will no longer be part of the council debate, leaving it mostly with those appointed by the government.

The new decree also includes a clause forbidding members to speak openly about the council's discussions and projects without prior approval from government officials.

"With today's decree, there is no more council, but an

inter-ministerial group entirely made of government entities," said Paulo Aguiar, a psychologist who had taken part in the council's deliberations.

Aguiar acknowledged he was "very worried" by the government's decision, saying that the shaping of drugs policies in Brazil will inevitably suffer from the loss of diversity in opinions, studies and research previously

presented by experts and civil society.

Detractors of the far-right administration say officials are leaving aside drug prevention and treatment, seen by many experts as crucial in the fight against drug abuse, focusing too much on law enforcement. In May, senators passed a bill backed by Bolsonaro that allowed forced rehabilitation for drug users

upon the recommendation of a relative or a public health official. Until then, a user in Brazil had to agree to hospitalization.

The bill also raised to eight years from five the minimum penalty for traffickers who lead criminal organizations.

Bolsonaro ran a tough-on-crime campaign, vowing to curb violence at all cost. He is a fervent opponent of drug policy liberalization.

Bolsonaro earlier downsized several other councils to trim the influence of independent members.

In May, the president slashed the size of a body that oversees environmental policy from 100 to 21, getting rid of many environmental activists and independent experts.

Last week, it's a government-run council on cinema that was downsized and transferred from the Citizenship and Culture Ministry to his chief of staff's office.

Shortly after signing the decree, Bolsonaro, a devout Christian with a strong socially conservative agenda, criticized the use of public funds to finance films that could "disrespect families". □

## Mexico, US to launch plan against arms smuggling at border

Associated Press

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — The Mexican government said Monday it has reached agreement with the United States for a joint operation to combat gun smuggling along the U.S. border after seeing a spike in the number of illegal firearms detected.

Seizures of assault rifles in Mexico are up 122% so far this year.

Foreign Relations Secretary Marcelo Ebrard said Mexico's military would coordinate with U.S. authorities to launch anti-gun-smuggling operations in five Mexican border cities — Tijuana, Ciudad Juarez, Nuevo Laredo, Reynosa and Matamoros. He implied that U.S. authorities would coordinate by cracking down on smuggling in the corresponding



Mexican Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard holds the microphone to his mouth as he gives a press conference about new U.S. restrictions on asylum seekers in Mexico City, Monday, July 15, 2019.

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cities on the U.S. side. Many of the firearms seized by police in Mexico have come from the United States.

The announcement comes after Sunday's meeting between Ebrard and U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

Ebrard also said Mexico

had proposed the two countries undertake a joint effort to identify and seize the assets of convicted drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzmán. Many Mexicans fear their country will lose money that belongs to Mexico after a U.S. court ordered Guzmán to pay

\$12.6 billion as part of the life sentence announced Wednesday.

Ebrard said "the aim is that the assets of this criminal organization be recovered for the Mexican government."

He said Pompeo "was very favorable to it, so that in the next few days we should be able to make very rapid progress on this strategic objective."

Few experts believe either country will ever be able to find anything approaching \$12.6 billion in assets. The amount was calculated on the price of the amount of drugs Guzman's Sinaloa cartel smuggled into the United States over the course of years. Ebrard said some of the money is probably in the U.S. and some in Mexico.

Ebrard said Mexico had presented evidence it had reduced the flow of Central American migrants through Mexican territory by about 36 percent between January and early July.

The United States had threatened to impose tariffs within 90 days on Mexican products unless the country did more to halt the flow of migrants. Sunday's meeting was the halfway mark evaluation of the progress Mexico has made over 45 days.

Ebrard said he was confident Mexico could avoid the imposition of tariffs, while resisting U.S. pressure to sign a "safe third country" agreement with Washington that would require migrants to apply for asylum in Mexico rather than in the U.S. □

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## Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino is leveling up The 3rd edition of 'Rosé All Day' will take place on August 10

ORANJESTAD - This year Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino will host the 3rd edition of 'Rosé All Day.' This is the event where all the wine lovers gather for an afternoon of relaxation, good music, and delicious Rose comparable to an international 'picnic' where you can just be barefoot and relax with a group of friends. 'Rosé All Day' will take place at Iguana Beach on Renaissance Island.

The concept 'Rosé All Day' has proven itself to be an exceptional experience for all participants each year, so far. A boat trip to the private Island, live music, featuring Robin and The Rebels; and DJ Lee-Croes with Joyride, will get the party started, right. This year, a VIP deck on the water has been added. It will, surely, be the center of attention. This edition is expected to surpass all expectations, and will be very exciting for the tourist and locals, alike.

Upon arrival, each visitor will get a backpack, including their own rosé cup, a cooler bag, a blanket and \$10 rosé wine credit to spend. There will be several food stations on location, all different Renaissance



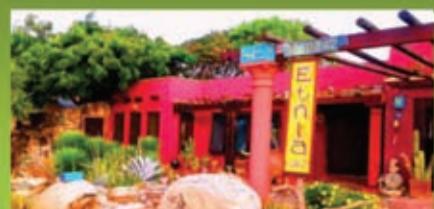
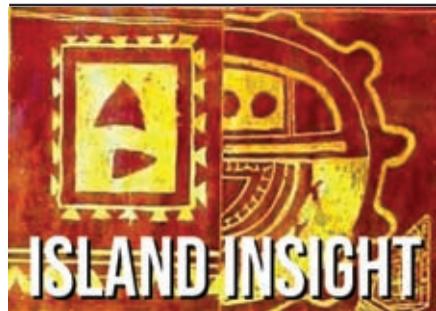
Aruba Resort & Casino restaurants, serving the perfect bites to pair with your favorite bubbly. The main attraction is the bar from the Arion Wine Company, where visitors can order select wines such Whispering

Angel, Champagne Bollinger, Ti Amo and also The Palm Rose. The organization has really thought of all the details to make this edition of 'Rosé All Day' as memorable as possible. There will be different

scenes during the event where you can take pictures and share them on Instagram. Get ready to Eat, Slay and Rosé on August 10th at the Renaissance Island.

Tickets are already on sale at the Navigator desks in the lobby of the Renaissance Marina Hotel and at Renaissance Ocean Suites for \$40 including a swag-bag, cooler-bag, a blanket' and also \$10 wine credit. They also have a VIP (\$600) which include the entire general package plus personal service, 2 bottles of wine, a snack-platter and a high-boy on a VIP deck all this for 6 persons. Availability is limited. For more information about the 'Rose All Day,' please call 523-6115 or visit the Facebook page of Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino. Dress code for this event is white or pink.□





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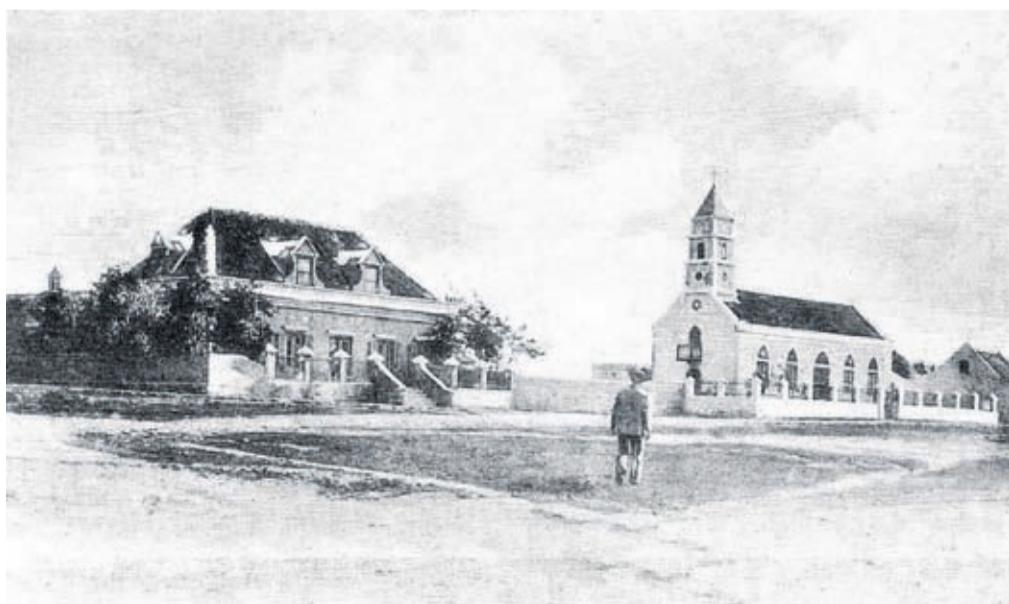
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**Upon completion of Fort Zoutman in 1797, when there was no longer the dread and fear of unwanted visitors, white protestants at Ponton gradually started building their stone houses at the bay side located at a lower level. Ponton was airy and offered a strategic view over the South and West coast, but in those days without motorized transportation or a paved road, it was a bit too far from the site where ships entered. In 1797- we know this accurately- there was not a single house at the Paardebaai. Eight years later, therefore in 1805, there were as many as 32.**



Pic. 1. the fort and the tower WIII

Concerning the building of houses there must have been specific rules in effect, because according to the rules of the old art of building fortresses, there had to be between a fort and the nearest located building of the city an open space of not less than 800 paces, the so-called esplanade. A space that was needed to protect the city from the fort. The Minister of the Fort-church in Curaçao in those years was the Rev. Gerard B. Bosch, who in 1823 visited our island and repeatedly came back here in the years thereafter. After his repatriation the Rev. Bosch wrote a book in Dutch, containing his memoirs, Travels in the West Indies and through part of South and North America, three volumes, in which he devotes much attention to Aruba. The findings by the Rev. Bosch in 1823 were, that Fort Zoutman satisfied all requirements and that there was an esplanade.



Pic. 2. Dutch ships spotting Taratata the bay Spanish called Playa or Muelle de los caballos .



Pic. 3. Contemporary fire arms

Fort Zoutman Vice-Commander Jan van der Biest-the eldest son of Harmen, who had been commander from 1782 to 1791-was in charge of the Aruban administration. He continues in office as acting commander until, in 1821 Jacob Thielen I is appointed commander. Thielen who was descended from a family already residing in Curaçao in 1715, has been attached to the Curaçao court of Justice both as barrister and as secretary. He reported to the vice-commander on the 23rd of December 1821, and assumed office the first of January 1822, saluted by eleven guns.

In this period Aruba's economic importance was not yet very considerable. Since it was defendant on decisions made in Curacao, which had some

trade with Coro and Maracaibo in Venezuela. The return cargoes only consisted of goat-skins, hide, and wood, which was stored on Aruba until there was a supply large enough to be shipped to Curaçao by schooner. Aruba was an intermediate station; just as Curaçao itself was an intermediate station for what came from Europe and went to Aruba and vice versa. After 1816, however, an immediate decline was noticeable after British privateers' harassments of Oranjestad, in spite of the fact that the disaffection of the Spanish colonies had caused a greater demand for supplies.

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Pic. 4. Guns of the fort

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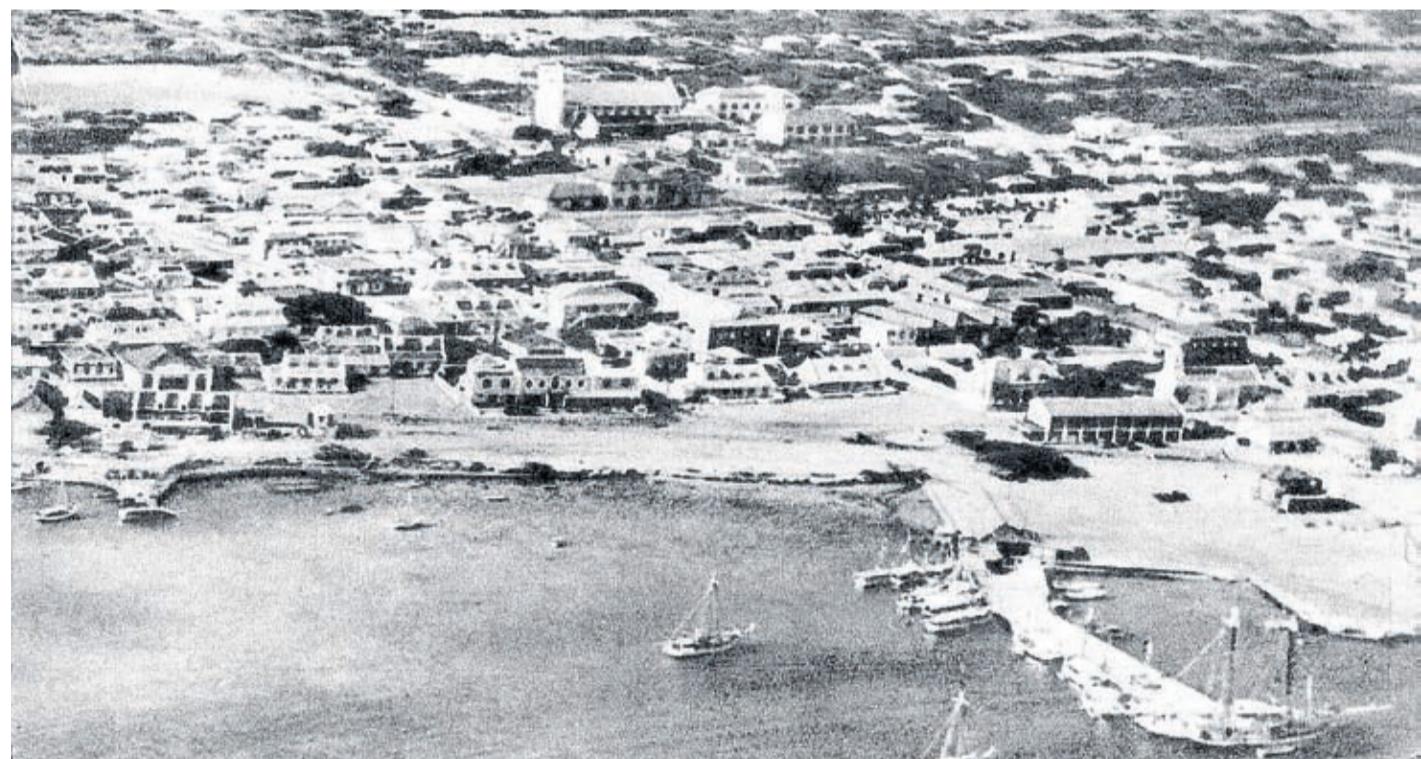
## When whites came to live on the Bay at Playa

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This decline was mainly owing to the somewhat drastic manner in which the naval forces of the combatants proceeded against Dutch shipping. In order to destroy the opponent's trade international law was continually encroached upon, so that shipping was very seriously impeded. Privateers of the insurgents time and again ran into Aruban bays. Every now and then we hear about difficulties necessitating the intervention of Dutch warships.

On 27 March 1817 His Dutch Majesty's Daphne surprised in an Aruban bay the brigantine Indio Libre, which had come to anchor there with a prize, the Spanish schooner Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria. The commander of the Dutch brig of war ordered the privateer to relinquish his prize at once and to move out of the bay, with which the latter, after some delay, complied. His Dutch Majesty's corvette Dolphijn in May 1819 encountered in one of our bays the independent privateer La Sozegada, also with



Pic. 5. A sky look over the bay area when many stone houses were built in a blink of an eye in the shadow of the fort.

a prize, and forcefully conducted both ships to Curacao.

The Spanish privateer Centella even selected Aruba as operational base, lay at anchor there, and set sail as soon as a vessel hove

in sight, to seize her and bring her into the privateer's lair, the Dutch island of Aruba! Her captain even went so far as to hold a vessel that he had seized, the Twee Gezusters (Two Sisters), to ransom in the harbor of the island, and to rob goods

from a ship lying in our roadstead, the Sally, which, having arrived here as a prize of another privateer, had been detained by the colonial administration. Under Thielen these difficulties continued. □

## Aruba to Me

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Have a look at **Beth Ellin** from Las Vegas. She send us a great picture and wrote:

### "Aruba to me is.... Love at First Sight!"

Beth: "We arrived in Aruba in 1989 as a fluke. But we have been visiting for the last 30 years by CHOICE. In 1989 I received \$750 in American Airlines vouchers after being bumped on a flight. They were about to expire, so I went to the airlines ticket office (they had them back then) and said, "Where is the farthest we can go for \$750?" She said Paris or Aruba. I had taken my son to Paris, so we picked Aruba. I asked the lady, "Where is Aruba?"

She said, "I have no idea. But people seem to love it." So I traded the voucher for two tickets for a week-end at the Holiday Inn. It was love at first sight. I thought Hawaii had the most beautiful beaches until we saw Palm Beach. I don't think I had seen that many shades of blue. Now I knew what color "azure" was.

But what we like best about Aruba is the people. We now have life-long friends who live on the island who we see every trip. We've met some Dutch visitors and have spent time at their home in Holland. And I learned how to cook funchi!

We love Aruba. I hope I can spend my next 30 years in Aruba every July! □

## The Aruba Tourism Authority Honors Loyal Aruba Visitors

EAGLE BEACH — Recently, Mарouska Heyliger of the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure to honor Aruba's loyal and friendly visitors as Distinguished Visitors. The symbolic certificate is presented to guests who visit Aruba 10 consecutive years or more.

The honorees were **Larry and Jodie Malatzky** from Massachusetts who have been visiting the island for 10 consecutive years.

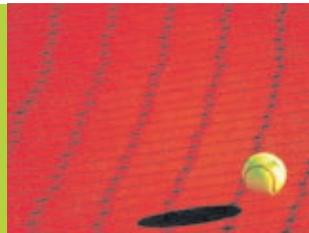
The Malatzky's love coming to the island for its nice weather, friendly people and meeting new friends.

These people stated that they love the island very much, especially for its year-round sunny weather, nice sandy beaches, delicious variety of foods, safety, and Aruba's warm and friendly people.

Heyliger together with the representatives of the Divi Links Resort presented the certificates to the honorees and handed over some additional presents, thanking them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and as their home-away-from-home. □



## SPORTS



Ireland's Shane Lowry holds the Claret Jug trophy after winning the British Open Golf Championships at Royal Portrush in Northern Ireland, Sunday, July 21, 2019.

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## Out of the shadows of Irish golf, Lowry a major champion

By DOUG FERGUSON  
AP Golf Writer

**PORTRUSH, Ireland (AP)** — No longer in the shadows of Irish golf, Shane Lowry now has his name etched on the base of the silver claret jug.

It's on there with more than a century's worth of the best that have conquered the links to win the British Open.

Lowry gazed at the oldest trophy in golf as he tried to soak up his storybook finish Sunday at Royal Portrush, a course wet first from rain and then from tears.

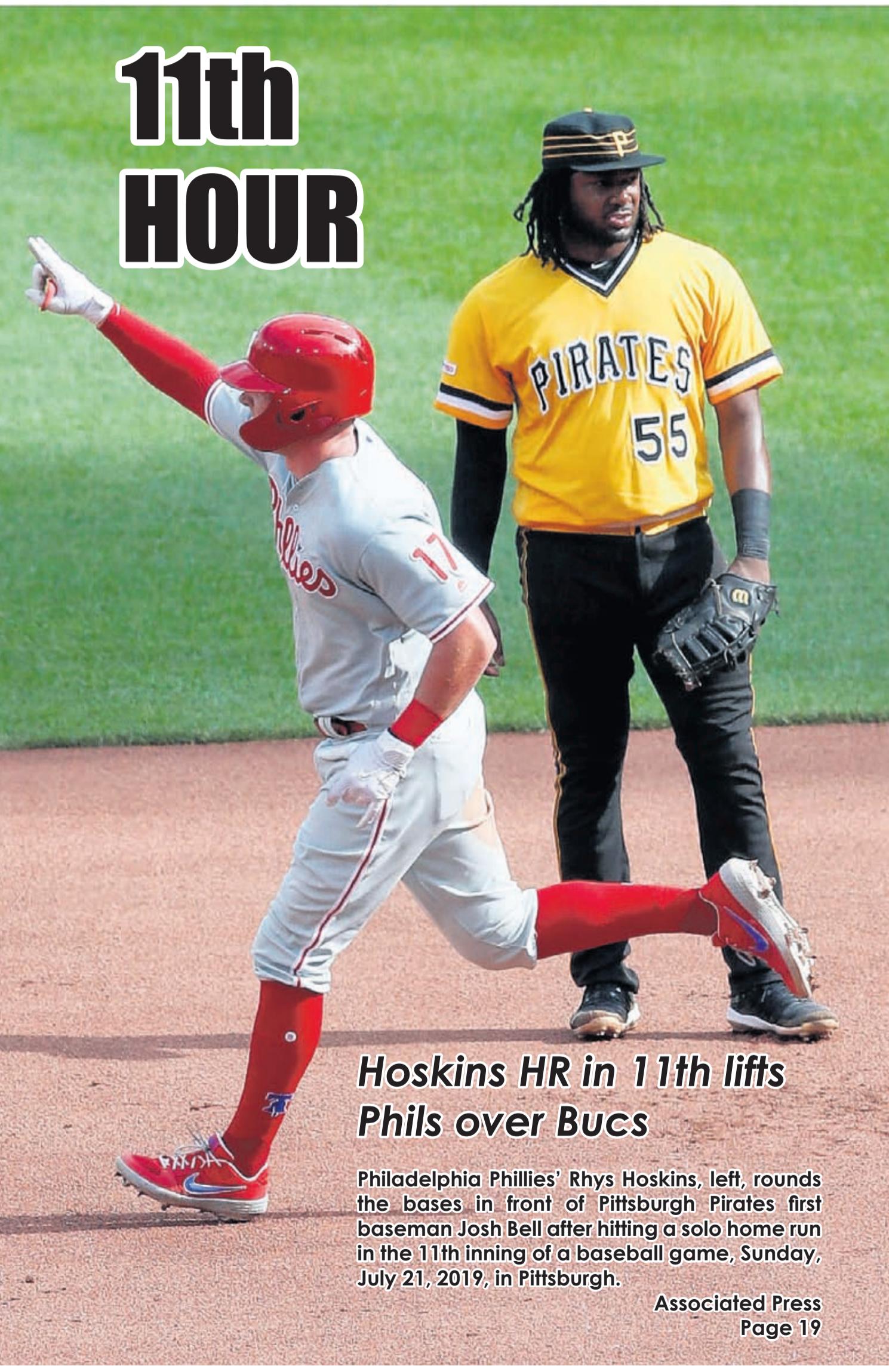
"I can't believe this is mine," Lowry said after his six-shot victory.

He earned his place with a 63 in the third round that broke the 54-hole scoring record at the British Open and staked him to a four-shot lead.

And then he handled the nerves and expectations, both in abundance, and never let anyone closer than three shots.

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# 11th HOUR



## Hoskins HR in 11th lifts Phils over Bucs

Philadelphia Phillies' Rhys Hoskins, left, rounds the bases in front of Pittsburgh Pirates first baseman Josh Bell after hitting a solo home run in the 11th inning of a baseball game, Sunday, July 21, 2019, in Pittsburgh.

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## Wojciechowski starts 1-hitter as Orioles blank Red Sox 5-0

By The Associated Press

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Asher Wojciechowski took an unlikely no-hitter into the seventh inning, Trey Mancini homered twice off Andrew Cashner and Baltimore beat Boston to win its first series from the Red Sox in 11 tries since 2017.

Making his 15th career start, Wojciechowski (1-3) came in with a 6.49 career ERA and was facing the highest-scoring team in the majors. The 30-year-old responded with the best outing of his life, allowing one hit over 7 1/3 innings and finishing with a career-high 10 strikeouts. Rafael Devers led off the seventh with a double off the right-field wall to break up Wojciechowski's bid. Paul Fry got the final two outs in the eighth and Mychal Givens worked the ninth to complete the one-hitter and end Boston's run of 81 games without being blanked. It was also the first time in 11 games the Red Sox failed to hit a home run.

### ANGELS 9, MARINERS 3

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Resurgent slugger Albert Pujols and Mike Trout homered, Brian Goodwin connected twice and Los Angeles beat Seattle.

Pujols sliced a second-inning solo drive into the right field seats for his 648th career homer.

The 39-year-old Pujols joined home run champ Barry Bonds and Hall of Famers Eddie Murray and Frank Robinson as the only players to tally at least 15 homers in each of their first 19 seasons.

Pujols drove in two runs and has 14 RBIs in his last eight games. He got two hits and moved past Paul Waner for 16th place on the career list 3,154.

Trout added to his AL-leading totals with his 32nd home run and 79th RBI, hitting a solo shot in the seventh.

### ROCKIES 8, YANKEES 4

**NEW YORK (AP)** — James Paxton allowed a leadoff home run for the second straight outing when Charlie Blackmon shook out of a slump and started Colorado to a win over New York that halted a six-game los-



Baltimore Orioles starting pitcher Asher Wojciechowski delivers to a Boston Red Sox batter during the first inning of a baseball game, Sunday, July 21, 2019, in Baltimore.

ing streak. On the second consecutive day with a 94-degree temperature at game time, DJ LaMahieu homered on the first pitch from German Márquez (9-5) in the bottom half. But Márquez rebounded from his worst big league start and cooled the Yankees' bats after that. Colorado took a 5-1 lead in the third, knocked out Paxton (5-5) in the fourth and ended New York's five-game winning streak. Blackmon went 4 for 5, Nolan Arenado hit a tie-breaking, two-run double and David Dahl added a two-run single in the third, when three runs were unearned because first baseman Luke Voit allowed Tony Wolters' sacrifice bunt to bounce off his glove for an error.

### INDIANS 5, ROYALS 4

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Francisco Lindor homered after originally being scheduled to get the day off, José Ramírez hit a tiebreaking home run in the sixth and Cleveland beat Kansas City.

Lindor talked his way into the lineup at designated hitter after manager Terry Francona planned on resting the All-Star shortstop. His

two-run homer in the third tied the game at 2-all.

Ramírez's leadoff homer put Cleveland ahead in the sixth and the Indians went on to their seventh win in eight games.

Cleveland has also won 13 of 16. Rookie Zach Plesac (4-3) allowed two runs in six innings. Brad Hand allowed Bubba Starling's first major league home run in the ninth, but struck out the next three hitters for his 27th save in 28 opportunities.

Glenn Sparkman (4-5) allowed both homers and gave up five runs — four earned — in 5 2/3 innings.

### TIGERS 4, BLUE JAYS 3, 10 INNINGS

**Detroit (AP)** — Nicholas Castellanos led off the bottom of the 10th inning with a home run, and Detroit snapped its six-game losing streak.

The Tigers won for only the eighth time in their last 41 games — and this victory didn't come easily. Closer Shane Greene allowed a tying, two-run homer by Lourdes Gurriel Jr. in the ninth, but Castellanos connected on the first pitch thrown by Tim Mayza (0-1) for his 11th homer of the season. Nick Ramirez (5-3)

pitched a scoreless top of the 10th for Detroit.

### RAYS 4, WHITE SOX 2

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)** — Blake Snell struck out 10 in six scoreless innings, Travis d'Arnaud hit his first grand slam and Tampa Bay stopped its longest losing streak of the year at five games by beating Chicago. Snell (6-7) allowed three hits and two walks while throwing a season-high 109 pitches. d'Arnaud had been hitless in 11 at-bats since a three-homer game Monday night in a 5-4 win over the New York Yankees that preceded his team's recent skid. Yolmer Sanchez got his 21st triple since 2017 for the White Sox, who won the first two games of the series and were seeking their first sweep since May 27-29 against Kansas City.

### ASTROS 5, RANGERS 3

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Michael Brantley homered twice, Jose Altuve also went deep and Houston beat struggling Texas for its fifth straight victory. Rogelio Armenteros (1-0) pitched five solid innings in his first major league start, sending Texas to its seventh loss in a row.

Brantley put the AL West

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leaders on the board with a two-run drive to right-center in the first. He added a solo shot to right field in the eighth. Lance Lynn (12-6) matched a career high with 12 strikeouts in seven innings. He allowed four runs and seven hits.

### TWINS 7, ATHLETICS 6

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Max Kepler drove in four runs, including the game-winner to cap a two-run rally in the ninth inning, and Minnesota beat Oakland.

Ehire Adrianza's third hit of the game was a triple off Liam Hendriks (2-1) that scored Luis Arraez from first base with one out in the ninth. After Hendriks struck out Jason Castro, Kepler lined the first pitch into left-center for his third hit.

Hendriks had picked up saves in each of the last two games and hadn't allowed an earned run in 20 2/3 innings.

Reliever Kohl Stewart (2-1) earned the win after pitching a scoreless ninth. The Twins stranded 12 runners through the first eight innings and blew an early 4-0 lead before coming back to earn a split of their four-game series with Oakland. □

## Phils win in Pittsburgh on Hoskins' HR; fan walks to plate

By The Associated Press

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — A fan casually walked to home plate and approached Philadelphia hitter Brad Miller for a handshake before being apprehended, and the Phillies later beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 2-1 Sunday on Rhys Hoskins' home run in the 11th inning. Moments after Bryce Harper argued a called third strike and Hoskins spiked his bat after being hit by a pitch, things turned bizarre in the sixth inning at PNC Park.

That's when a man carrying a cellphone came out of the crowd and strolled toward Miller in the batter's box. Miller backed away and the man kept walking, leisurely getting near the Phillies' dugout on the first base side, where he was handcuffed by security personnel and led away. Miller then grounded into an inning-ending double play.

Hoskins hit his 21st home run, connecting off Chris Stratton (1-3). The drive came right after Harper again seemed displeased with plate umpire Ben May when striking out looking to start the inning.

Phillies reliever Ranger Suárez (3-0) got Starling Marte to ground out to end the 10th, stranding Adam Frazier at third, and worked around a hit in the 11th.

**DODGERS 9, MARLINS 0**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Walker Buehler struck out 11 over seven innings and the Los Angeles hit a trio of home runs to complete a three-game sweep of Miami. Max Muncy, Joc Pederson and A.J. Pollock went deep as the first-place Dodgers won for the sixth time in nine games since the All-Star break. Buehler recorded his third double-digit strikeout game this season.

Marlins rookie Jordan Yamamoto not only lost for the first time in seven major league starts, but the home runs by Muncy and Pederson were the first ones he's allowed in his career. Yamamoto (4-1) had the third-longest winning streak to begin a career in Marlins history.

One day after the Dodgers' bullpen blew a 6-0 lead before the offense rallied, Buehler (9-1) took the heat off the relievers by giving up just five hits and no walks.

**BRAVES 7, NATIONALS 1**

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Kevin Gausman pitched into the eighth inning after missing more than a month, Josh Donaldson and Ronald Acuña Jr. homered, and Atlanta beat Washington to protect its NL East lead. Nick Markakis hit a two-run single in the first off Joe Ross (0-2). Donaldson added his sixth-inning homer off Ross and a run-scoring single in the seventh. Acuña launched a two-run homer



Philadelphia Phillies' Rhys Hoskins hits a solo home run in the eleventh inning of a baseball game, Sunday, July 21, 2019, in Pittsburgh. The Phillies won 2-1.

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off Kyle McGowin in the eighth.

Following a split of the four-game series, the first-place Braves still lead the Nationals by 6½ games.

Gausman (3-5) made his first start since June 10 after recovering from plantar fasciitis in his right foot. He allowed five hits and one run in seven-plus innings, with eight strikeouts and no walks.

**CARDINALS 3, REDS 1**

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — Yairo Munoz celebrated a rare start with a home run and a triple to help St. Louis beat Cincinnati.

Munoz, making his 16th start among 55 games, also singled to finish with three of the six hits for the Cardinals, who improved to 7-3 since the All-Star break. His second homer of the season in the ninth, off Raisel Iglesias, gave St. Lou-

is an insurance run.

The Reds avoided their ninth shutout loss of the season on Phillip Ervin's eighth-inning pinch-hit home run off Andrew Miller.

**PADRES 5, CUBS 1**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Francisco Mejia homered, Fernando Tatis Jr. drove in three runs and San Diego avoided the sweep in Chicago.

Mejia and Tatis had two hits apiece for the Padres, who scored three runs in the ninth and have won just two of their last nine. Kyle Hendricks (7-8) allowed two runs in seven innings and Anthony Rizzo had two hits for the NL Central-leading Cubs, who are 7-2 after the All-Star break. Cal Quantrill (3-2) threw 5 2/3 scoreless innings of relief, retiring 14 of his final 15 batters. He struck out six and walked none.

**GIANTS 2, METS 2, 12 IN-**

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**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Mike Yastrzemski homered with one out in the bottom of the 12th inning to give San Francisco a 3-2 victory over New York.

The Giants hadn't had a hit since the fourth when Yastrzemski lofted a full-count pitch from Robert Gsellman (1-2) the other way into the left-center stands. Yastrzemski is the grandson of Hall of Fame slugger Carl Yastrzemski.

Buster Posey had two hits and scored twice to help the surging Giants (50-50) get back to .500 with their 15th win in 18 games. San Francisco took three of four from New York for its first series win over the Mets since 2014. All three wins came in extra innings.

Zach Green added two hits in his major league debut for the Giants. □

## Nationals ace Scherzer throws bullpen session before rainout

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Nationals ace Max Scherzer is nearing a return after being sidelined by inflammation under his right shoulder. Scherzer completed a bullpen session before Monday's game against the Colorado Rockies was postponed. The rainout will be made up Wednesday as part of a day-night doubleheader. The four-game series, which runs through Thursday, marks the Rock-

ies' only trip to Washington this season. Scherzer went 9-5 with a 2.30 ERA before the All-Star break, but was placed on the 10-day injured list retroactive to July 10.

"I did the full routine," Scherzer said. "Everything feels good. Ball's coming out of my hand exactly the way it should feel like at 100 percent. I've been wanting the ball, so hopefully I can pitch here really soon."

Scherzer is 7-0 with a sparkling 0.87 ERA in his last seven starts. Washington has juggled its rotation in Scherzer's absence, but the Nationals could time his return to ensure he faces the Los Angeles Dodgers and Atlanta Braves during their current homestand if he is activated Friday.

"We'll see how he feels tomorrow and we'll go from there," manager Dave Martinez said. □



Groundskeepers roll a tarp over the infield before a postponed baseball game between the Colorado Rockies and the Washington Nationals, Monday, July 22, 2019, in Washington.

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## Tim Duncan returning to Spurs as an assistant coach

By TIM REYNOLDS  
AP Basketball Writer

Tim Duncan is back with the San Antonio Spurs, this time as an assistant coach under Gregg Popovich. Duncan, the Spurs' all-time leader in points, rebounds and blocked shots — and the only player to be on all five of San Antonio's NBA championship teams — officially returned to the franchise Monday. The Spurs, per their usual style, made the announcement in a very understated way, not even putting Duncan's name in the headline of the news release.

Duncan didn't even get top billing in the announcement. That went to Will Hardy, who will be taking on an expanded role as one of the Spurs' assistant coaches. Hardy has been with the Spurs since 2010, working his way up from the video room at first.

"Will Hardy is a talented, young basketball mind who has earned a great deal of



In this Dec. 2, 2015, file photo, San Antonio Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich, left, talks with forward Tim Duncan (21) during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Milwaukee Bucks in San Antonio.

respect from everyone in the organization thanks to his knowledge, spirit and personality," Popovich said. The entirety of the Spurs' description of Duncan in the release was this: "Dun-

can, a 1997 Wake Forest graduate, played 19 seasons with the Spurs before retiring in the summer of 2016." No mention of his rings, his 15 All-Star nods, his three NBA Finals MVP

awards, his two NBA MVP awards or anything else. Duncan retired from playing three years ago, but has worked at times with San Antonio's post players. He has long been one of

Popovich's favorites, even going back to 1997 in the days leading up to San Antonio taking Duncan with the No. 1 overall pick in that year's draft.

Popovich went to the Virgin Islands before that draft to get to know Duncan, and was immediately sold.

"We lived on the beach for a few days and we swam and we talked," Popovich said at Duncan's retirement ceremony. "From that moment I knew he was a special individual because he basically talked about everything but basketball. And we've been the recipients of that intelligence and that outlook on life since he's walked in here."

Duncan's hiring and Hardy's expanded role will help the Spurs replace former assistants Ettore Messina and Ime Udoka, who left earlier this offseason for new jobs. Becky Hammon and Chip Engelland are also returning as Spurs assistants. □

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## Cristiano Ronaldo won't face rape charge in Las Vegas

By KEN RITTER  
Associated Press

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — Cristiano Ronaldo won't face criminal charges after a woman accused the soccer star of raping her in his suite at a Las Vegas resort more than 10 years ago, a top prosecutor said Monday. A new investigation by Las Vegas police failed to show that Kathryn Mayorga's claim could be proven at trial beyond a reasonable doubt, Clark County District Attorney Steve Wolfson said. "Therefore, no charges will be forthcoming," Wolfson said in a statement. The decision represented a victory on one of two legal tracks tied to the 2009 allegation against one of the most recognizable and highly paid players in sports. In a lawsuit still pending in federal court, Mayorga alleges that she was pressured to sign an agreement to keep quiet in exchange for \$375,000. Her lawyers want to void the deal and collect at least \$200,000 more from Ronaldo.

Ronaldo's attorneys have

acknowledged that the soccer star and Mayorga had consensual sex in June 2009, but they denied it was rape. Attorney Peter Christiansen was traveling Monday and wasn't immediately available to comment.

Attorneys for Mayorga, a former model and schoolteacher, did not immediately respond to telephone, text and email messages. The Associated Press generally does not name people who say they are victims of sexual assault, but Mayorga gave consent through her lawyers to make her name public.

Her lawsuit says she met Ronaldo at a nightclub and went with him and other people to his suite at the Palms Hotel and Casino, where he assaulted her in a bedroom. Afterward, she signed a non-disclosure agreement under pressure from "fixers" trying to protect Ronaldo's reputation, her lawyer, Leslie Mark Stovall, has said.

The lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Las Vegas accuses

Ronaldo or those working for him of conspiracy, defamation, breach of contract, coercion and fraud for allegedly allowing terms of the settlement to become public in European publications.

Her attorneys say Mayorga never wanted her name released but became worried that she would be identified after a 2017 media report apparently referred to the encounter.

Her lawyers have said in federal court documents that they were having trouble personally serving Ronaldo with legal filings. A judge has given them an Oct. 28 deadline.

Ronaldo plays in Italy for the Turin-based soccer club Juventus. He played previously for Manchester United in England and Real Madrid in Spain, where he earned a then-record sum of 94 million euros, or about \$130 million.

Mayorga underwent a medical exam to collect DNA evidence shortly after she alleges Ronaldo assaulted her. Police closed



In this June 8, 2019, file photo, Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo smiles when he arrives to a training session at the Bessa stadium in Porto, Portugal.

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their investigation in 2009 because Mayorga neither identified her attacker by name nor said where the alleged rape took place, said Wolfson, the elected prosecutor in Las Vegas. Police have said she identified her attacker only as a European soccer player. "As a result, the police were unable to ... conduct any meaningful investigation," Wolfson said Monday. "Detectives were unable to search for and impound vital forensic evidence. In

addition, video evidence, showing interactions between the victim and perpetrator before and after the alleged crime, was lost." The investigation was reopened in last year at the request of Mayorga's attorneys, shortly before they sued Ronaldo. She spoke again with police, and authorities this year obtained a sample of Ronaldo's DNA through Italian authorities. Police did not immediately respond Monday to messages about the case. □

## Shane Lowry

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A year ago, Lowry sat in a parking lot at Carnoustie and cried after missing the cut in the British Open for the fourth straight year.

"Golf wasn't my friend at the time," he said.

And there he was Sunday, in rain and wind so ferocious that pars felt like birdies, never giving anyone much of a chance as he closed with a 1-over 72 for the largest margin of victory in the Open in nine years.

Lowry isn't afraid to be honest, and he didn't mind telling caddie Bo Martin that he was nervous, scared and worried he would mess up for a raucous, rollicking crowd that wanted nothing more than to celebrate with him.

"I suppose I didn't even know going out this morning if I was good enough to win a major," Lowry

said. "And look, I'm here now, a major champion. I can't believe I'm saying it, to be honest."

So many others in the Irish golf community can.

Graeme McDowell recalls a story from famed swing coach Pete Cowen, who long ago traveled to Dublin to scout the Irish Boys golf team. They were curious about his views on the obvious star — a teenager named Rory McIlroy — except that Cowen saw more. "The guy said, 'Who do you like?' And he said,

'Rory McIlroy looks pretty good, but that slightly overweight kid with the glasses on ... he looks good,'" McDowell said. "So he's always been talented." That kid was Lowry, so talented that he was still an amateur 10 years ago when he won the Irish Open at County Louth.

McDowell remembers something else about that Irish Open, the first time he



Ireland's Shane Lowry wipes away a tear as he makes a speech holding the Claret Jug trophy after winning the British Open Golf Championships at Royal Portrush in Northern Ireland, Sunday, July 21, 2019.

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met Lowry. "I just shot 61 at Baltray, and he came in and shot 62," McDowell said. "And he didn't even introduce himself. He said, 'I can't believe you beat me by one out there.' And I'm like, 'Who's this kid?'"

That kid is now "champion golfer of the year."

Lowry could barely contain his joy when he rolled in an 8-foot birdie putt on the 15th hole for a six-shot

lead with three to play. He knew it was over when he found the fairway on the 17th because "I knew that I could really lose a ball from there."

The cheers got louder with each step closer to the finish line, and Lowry stretched out his arms when his second shot to the 18th was safely on the fringe.

Waiting to celebrate with

him was McDowell, a former U.S. Open champion who grew up at Portrush; Padraig Harrington, who preceded Lowry as the first Irishman to win a major; four-time major champion Brooks Koepka and his caddie, Rickie Elliott, also raised at Portrush and once a promising amateur in Irish golf.

Lowry was asked earlier in the week if he felt like a forgotten Irishman.

The return of the British Open to Northern Ireland for the first time in 68 years was all about McIlroy, McDowell and Darren Clarke, a trio of Ulstermen with major championships. No one in these parts — the largest Open crowd outside of St. Andrews — will forget Lowry and his performance.

"Everyone knows we're all one country when it comes to golf," Lowry said. The names on the claret jug include Harry Vardon and Bobby Jones, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods. □



Gold medalist Canada's Margaret MacNeil, centre, gestures with silver medalist Sweden's Sarah Sjostrom, right, and bronze medalist Australia's Emma McKeon to Japanese swimmer Rikako Ikee following the medal ceremony for the women's 100m butterfly final at the World Swimming Championships in Gwangju, South Korea, Monday, July 22, 2019.

Associated Press

## Peaty, Hosszu extend dominance at world swim championships

By BETH HARRIS  
AP Sports Writer

**GWANGJU, South Korea**

(AP) — Adam Peaty became the first man to win a third 100-meter breaststroke title at the world swimming championships on Monday night. Katinka Hosszu of Hungary also added more gold to her collection.

Peaty claimed the title in 57.14 seconds, a night after he became the first man to break 57 seconds in the semifinals. The British swimmer was under his own world-record pace at the turn before coming home a full body-length in front and 1.32 seconds ahead of teammate James Wilby.

In the semis, Peaty was timed in 56.88. He's also the current Olympic champion. "That'll fuel me for next year because I know how bad I want to clear 56 even faster now," Peaty said. "I know exactly how to do it but I've obviously run out of opportunities here."

Wilby touched in 58.46. Yan Zibei of China was third in 58.63. Hosszu extended her dominance in the women's 200 individual medley, claiming her record fourth title. That's the same number of times she's won the 400 IM.

"It might seem just another

gold medal but for me it's really special to be here and be able to win," said Hosszu, who last year filed for divorce from her husband and training partner. "It's been a tough journey." Nicknamed "The Iron Lady" for her relentless workload, Hosszu won in 2 minutes, 7.53 seconds.

Ye Shiwen of China finished 1.07 seconds back in second. Sydney Pickrem of Canada took bronze.

Canada's Margaret MacNeil, a 19-year-old competing in her biggest international meet so far, upset Sarah Sjostrom in the women's 100 butterfly, an event the Swede had won four times. "I was really hoping just to get on the podium," MacNeil said, "but getting a gold is just unbelievable." Sjostrom took it out strong, dipping under her world-record pace on the first lap, while MacNeil was in fifth. But MacNeil roared back with the fastest closing lap — 29.06 — of the eight-woman final and touched first in 55.83. Sjostrom was second in 56.22, denied a record fifth title in the 100 fly. Emma McKeon of Australia earned bronze in 56.61. "Obviously, I would be more happy with a gold medal," Sjostrom said.

After receiving their med-

als, the three women gathered on the top podium spot and raised their palms to the crowd, displaying a message to ailing 19-year-old Japanese swimmer Rikako Ikee. "Rikako never give up" it read, with hearts decorating their palms. Sjostrom came up with the idea. Ikee announced in February that she has leukemia. She was the world junior champion in the 100 fly and had the fastest time in the world last year. She is aiming to return in time to compete in the Tokyo Olympics. "We're hoping this will show that we're supporting her and we're here if she needs anything," said MacNeil, who swims at Michigan. The United States won its first-ever gold in the men's 50 fly, a non-Olympic event. Caeleb Dressel's time of 22.35 set a championship record and earned him a ninth career world title. Two years ago, Dressel won seven golds to equal Michael Phelps' record at a single worlds. The 50 fly was the only event Dressel failed to win in Budapest. Dressel tied a bandana belonging to a former high school mentor who died on the ribbon that was placed around his neck as a way to carry her memory with him. □

## ATLANTA UNITED



Atlanta United forward Josef Martinez scores a goal past D.C. United goalkeeper Bill Hamid for a 2-0 victory in a soccer match on Sunday, July 21, 2019, in Atlanta.

Associated Press

## Atlanta United strikes late in 2-0 victory over DC United

By The Associated Press

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Gonzalo Martínez had a goal and an assist in the closing minutes to help Atlanta United beat D.C. United 2-0 on Sunday. Brad Guzan had three saves for his MLS-leading 10th shutout this season. Atlanta (11-8-3) controlled the action throughout — finishing with 71.4% possession and outshooting D.C. United 18-7 — and finally broke through as time waned. Darlington Nagbe lofted a cross that Martínez headed home from point-blank range to open the scoring in the 89th minute. Josef Martínez slipped behind the defense, ran onto a long ball from Gonzalo Martínez flipped it over the head of charging goalkeeper Bill Hamid and into the net in the second minute of stoppage time.

Josef Martínez chipped a penalty kick over the crossbar in the 72nd minute. It was just the second times in 17 tries in MLS that he failed to convert from the spot.

### REVOLUTION 2, FC CINCINNATI 0

**ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)** — Brian White scored, Luis Robles had four saves and New York slipped past Orlando City. Robles had his fifth shutout of the season and his first since June 1 for the Red Bulls (10-8-4).

White scored in the 32nd minute, bouncing a sliding first-timer off goalkeeper Brian Rowe and into the net. Orlando City dropped to 7-10-5.

### TIMBERS 2, SOUNDERS 1

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Brian Fernández scored his second goal of the match in the 51st minute, moments after Seattle had pulled even, and Portland claimed the first clash of the season between the Cascadia rivals. Fernández scored his seventh and eighth goals of the season in just his second full month with the Timbers after being signed as a designated player from Necaxa in Mexico. □

## Tantalizingly poised Tour de France saving its best for last

By JOHN LEICESTER and SAMUEL PETREQUIN  
AP Sports Writers

**NIMES, France (AP)** — A Tour de France jam-packed with unexpected plot twists is saving its biggest surprise for last.

With six riders within reach of the podium heading into the toughest final stages in the Alps, the race that resumes Tuesday after the final off-day is tantalizingly poised. Furious racing over the first 2,500 kilometers (1,500 miles) through Belgium and France and the uncertain outcome ahead of the grand finale in Paris are conspiring to deliver the most engrossing Tour in recent memory.

Like a summer rain, the suspense of still not knowing who will win with just six of the 21 stages remaining is exquisitely refreshing for cycling's greatest race after years of implacable domination by the uber-rich, super-calculating British Ineos team, formerly Sky.

"Nobody is really controlling the race as such. It's way more exciting but it's more like chess in another sense. It's brilliant fun," Ineos team boss Dave Brailsford said on Monday's rest day. "We've sat here on the second day of a Grand Tour so many times and people say we've closed the race down and it's not been exciting. That's not been the case this time. It's fun to be involved in one of most exciting editions in a long time."



France's Thibaut Pinot, left, Colombia's Egan Bernal wearing the best young rider's white jersey, and France's Julian Alaphilippe wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey climb Prat d'Albis during the fifteenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 185 kilometers (114.95 miles) with start in Limoux and finish in Prat d'Albis, France, Sunday, July 21, 2019.

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Either one of Geraint Thomas, Ineos' struggling defending champion, or Thibaut Pinot, the French climber who rebounded in the Pyrenees from what had seemed a decisive loss of time on the flat before the mountains, could still ride up the Champs-Elysees in the iconic yellow jersey on Sunday.

A Pinot victory would trigger delirium across France, which has had no home-grown champion to celebrate since Bernard Hinault in 1985 and suffered the indignity of many years when Lance Armstrong and other dopers hijacked the race that is as much part of the French national identity

as romance and the baguette. But Thomas' Colombian teammate Egan Bernal or dark horses Steven Kruijswijk from the Netherlands and German rider Emanuel Buchmann could put French champagne back on ice. Making few waves and avoiding the misfortunes, mistakes and big off-color days that sank other riders' title hopes, they're very much in the podium picture. But their stealthy consistency could hit its limits in the Alps, where conservative riding might not be enough to win if Pinot and others attack, as expected. Just 39 seconds — practically nothing in cycling,

where riders often lose minutes when they wilt on big climbs — separate Thomas, in second place overall, from Buchmann, in sixth. Kruijswijk is third, Pinot fourth and Bernal fifth.

Missing from this script, of course, is the yellow jersey himself, France's sweetheart Julian Alaphilippe. His punchy, unpredictable style has endeared him to fans bored with the by-the-numbers wins that Sky, now Ineos, secured with Bradley Wiggins in 2012, four-time winner Chris Froome and, last year, with Thomas. But in the Pyrenees, Alaphilippe started to pay for the energies he expended in taking, losing, getting

back, and then extending his race lead in weeks one and two.

Having built up a lead of 2 minutes, 2 seconds over Thomas at the top of the Tourmalet, the first of seven climbs to above 2,000 meters (6,500 feet) at this Tour, Alaphilippe then cracked Sunday on the last ascent in the Pyrenees. His lead shrank to 1:35 and, most importantly, his ride appeared to signal that the even harder climbs to come in the Alps, where what remains of his lead could quickly melt away if he can't stay with the pace, might be beyond his limit. Another big unknown is whether uncharacteristic signs of weakness at Ineos, with Thomas off-color on the Tourmalet and his usually solid teammates not

setting a punishing pace up climbs, were just blips or perhaps some sort of devilish rope-a-dope strategy cooked up by Brailsford that, in the Alps, will see the team return to its can't-catch-us best. Thomas talked a big game on the rest day, saying he hopes for an Alpine scrap with Pinot.

"I'd love it, I'd relish it. Bring it on," he said. "The main thing is going into the Alps I feel motivated to try and finish this Tour off well. It's been a slightly up and down race compared to last year but the main thing is I finish strong and I'm itching to go a lot better."

But the talking that counts will be done on the road. □

## Olympic robots offer 'virtual' attendance, help out on field

By YURI KAGEYAMA  
AP Business Writer

**TOKYO (AP)** — A cart-like robot scuttles across the field to bring back javelins and discs. A towering screen-on-wheels is designed for "virtual" attendance. The cute ones are, naturally, the likeness of the Olympic and Paralympic mascots.

Japanese automaker Toyota Motor Corp., a major Olympic sponsor, is readying various robots for next year's Tokyo Olympics. The robots were shown to re-

porters for release Monday. The mascot robots have moving limbs and its eyes change to the image of stars and hearts. It cannot speak at all or walk very well.

But the engineer in charge, Tomohisa Moridaira, suggested various possibilities, such as getting the robot to hold the Olympic torch using magnets.

The T-TR1, developed by Toyota's robotics institute in the U.S., highlights "virtual mobility," taking the automaker's usual business of

transportation to another dimension. It's a moving human-size display designed to represent people who can't be there. Think a faraway grandma at a child's birthday party or a legendary athlete not able to attend but "virtually" taking part in Olympic festivities.

Like all the world's major automakers, Toyota uses robotics in production plants. But it has also designed human-like robots, including those that play musical instruments. □



In this Thursday, July 18, 2019, photo, a "field support robot" is demonstrated before the media at Toyota Motor Corp. headquarters in Tokyo.

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## Fast-growing web of doorbell cams raises privacy fears

By AMY FORLITI and MATT O'BRIEN  
Associated Press

The woodsy community of Wolcott, Connecticut, doesn't see a lot of crime. But when the police chief heard about an opportunity to distribute doorbell cameras to some homes, he didn't hesitate.

The police who keep watch over the town of 16,000 raffled off free cameras in a partnership with the camera manufacturer. So far, the devices have encountered more bears than criminals, but Chief Ed Stephens is still a fan. "Anything that helps keep the town safe, I'm going to do it," he said.

But as more police agencies join with the company known as Ring, the partnerships are raising privacy concerns. Critics complain that the systems turn neighborhoods into places of constant surveillance and create suspicion that falls heavier on minorities. Police say the cameras can serve as a digital neighborhood watch.

Critics also say Ring, a subsidiary of Amazon, appears to be marketing its cameras by stirring up fear of crime at a time when it's decreasing. Amazon's promotional videos show people lurking around homes, and the company recently posted a job opening for a managing news editor to "deliver breaking crime news alerts to our neighbors."

"Amazon is profiting off of fear," said Chris Gilliard, an English professor at Michigan's Macomb Community College and a prominent critic of Ring and other technology that he says can reinforce race barriers. Part of the strategy seems to be selling the cameras "where the fear of crime is more real than the actual existence of crime."

The cameras offer a wide view from wherever they are positioned. Homeowners get phone alerts with streaming video if the doorbell rings or the device's heat sensors detect a person or a passing car. Ring's basic doorbell sells for \$99,



In this Tuesday, July 16, 2019, photo, Ernie Field holds up a live video of himself taken by a Ring doorbell camera at the front door at his home in Wolcott, Conn.

with recurring charges starting at \$3 a month for users who want footage stored. Ring says it stores the recordings for two months unless they are deleted by users. Many law enforcement agencies nationwide said the idea to partner with Ring came after the company promoted its product at law enforcement conferences.

Some departments have chosen to simply use Ring's Neighbors app, which encourages residents to share videos of suspicious activity. Other agencies agreed to provide subsidies, matched by Ring, to offer hundreds of discounted cameras in hopes of tapping into footage of residential streets, yards and sidewalks. And some police chiefs raffle off the devices.

Ring would not disclose the number of communities with such partnerships. Sharing video is always voluntary and privacy is protected, according to the company and police.

"There is nothing required of homeowners who participate in the subsidies, and their identity and data remain private," spokeswoman Brigid Gorham said. She said customers can control who views their footage, and no personally identifiable information is shared with police without a user's

consent.

Realistically, though, if police want video for an investigation, they can seek a search warrant.

Tech industry analyst Carolina Milanesi said engaging with police and offering incentives is a "very smart move by Ring" and a missed opportunity for competitors, including Google's Nest and smaller companies such as Arlo Technologies and SimpliSafe.

But a staff attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California called the system "an unmitigated disaster" for the privacy of many neighborhoods.

Through the subsidy programs, Amazon "gets to offer, at taxpayer dime, discounted products that allow it to really expand its tentacles into wide areas of private life way more than it already has," Mohammad Tajsar said.

The Los Angeles suburb of Arcadia has spent \$50,000 to offer discounts on 1,000 cameras. Several other communities in the region also participate in subsidy programs, and officials in Los Angeles County just voted last month to get on board.

Officers can view a "heat map" that shows the general area where cameras are, but they do not see a

by the homes.'" He said sharing video is voluntary. Green Bay, Wisconsin, gets one free camera for every 20 people who sign up for the Ring app through a city link.

Initially, police required recipients of those free cameras to agree to provide any video police requested.

It dropped the requirement after The Associated Press began reporting this story.

In the Minneapolis suburb of Coon Rapids, a thief stole a 7-foot, 150-pound bald eagle carving from Larry Eklund's yard earlier this year. Police had a key piece of evidence: an image of the suspect looking directly into Eklund's doorbell camera.

A few days went by with no leads. Then officers posted the video on social media. Hours later, the carving was returned.

"If we wouldn't have had the Ring, we would have never been able to recognize the guy," Eklund said.

"I'm sure it would've been just really hard to get it back."

But Coon Rapids opted not to partner with Ring and instead started its own in-house volunteer camera registry. Trish Heitman, a community outreach specialist for the police department, said the city did not want to promote a particular camera brand.

Another big issue was confidentiality. Coon Rapids keeps its list of registered camera owners private. If a crime occurs near a camera, police can contact homeowners in the registry to see if they want to share video.

If any partnership required data sharing, "we would never do it," Heitman said.

Back in Wolcott, Ernie Field won a free Ring camera and said he had to register for the app to qualify for the raffle. Now he gets alerts on his phone when a car drives by and a short video when his daughter gets home from school.

"I don't know if there's more crime now, or we just know about it more because of social media," he said. □

## What consumers should know about Equifax \$700M settlement

**Associated Press**

Equifax's \$700 million settlement with the U.S. government over a massive 2017 data breach includes up to \$425 million for consumers. The breach was one of the largest ever to threaten private information, as the breach exposed Social Security and other data on nearly 150 million people. Affected consumers would get free credit-monitoring and identity-restoration services for the next several years and may be eligible for money they've already spent on such services.

Here is what you need to know about the breach and what actions you can take:

### HOW DID HACKERS BREAK IN?

According to the Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress, a server hosting Equifax's online dispute portal was running software with a known weak spot. The hackers, who have not been identified, jumped through the opening. Hiding behind encryption tools, they sent 9,000 queries to dozens of databases containing consumers' personal information, and then methodically extracted the information.

The attack went unnoticed by Equifax for more than six weeks.

Equifax officials told GAO the company made many mistakes. Some were as simple as having an out-



This July 21, 2012, file photo shows the corporate headquarters of Equifax Inc. in Atlanta. Equifax will pay up to \$700 million to settle with the U.S. and states over a 2017 data breach that exposed Social Security numbers and other private information of nearly 150 million people.

**Associated Press**

dated list of computer systems administrators. When the company circulated a notice to install a patch for the software vulnerability, the employees responsible for installing the patch never got it.

### WHAT HAS EQUIFAX DONE?

The company has said it took steps to fix the issues that allowed the breach to occur. That includes adding tools to better monitor network traffic, restrict traffic between internal servers and tighten controls on who can access certain systems and networks. The company also gave consumers more control over their Equifax data and in-

troduced a free credit-alert service.

There was also a management shakeup. The chief information officer and top security executive both retired, and Equifax hired a new chief technology officer from IBM.

### WHAT INFORMATION WAS STOLEN?

Equifax stores a trove of data that provides a financial profile of millions of consumers, including how much they owe on their homes and whether there are court judgments against them.

The compromised data included Social Security numbers, birth dates, addresses,

driver license numbers and credit card numbers. Equifax said 3,200 passport images were also stolen. Criminals can use those bits of personal information to commit identity theft.

### WHAT DO CONSUMERS GET FROM THE SETTLEMENT?

Equifax has a page, <https://www.equifaxsecurity2017.com>, with a link to look up whether your information was exposed.

Affected consumers may be eligible for up to \$20,000 in reimbursements for losses from unauthorized charges to affected accounts, legal and other fees, credit-monitoring or identity-theft-protection services and ex-

penses related to freezing or unfreezing credit reports. For the time spent dealing with the breach, consumers can seek \$25 per hour for up to 20 hours as compensation.

All impacted consumers will be eligible to receive 10 years of free credit monitoring, at least seven years of free identity-restoration services, and, starting in 2020, six free copies of their Equifax credit report each year for seven years. That's on top of the free copy consumers can already get by law every 12 months from each of the three big agencies — Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. For minors, free credit monitoring increases to 18 years.

If consumers choose not to enroll in the free credit monitoring product available through the settlement, they may seek up to \$125 as a reimbursement for the cost of a credit-monitoring product of their choice.

Consumers must submit a claim in order to receive free credit monitoring or cash reimbursements.

### WHAT CAN CONSUMERS DO WITH CREDIT REPORTS?

Examine all your listed accounts and loans to make sure that the personal information is correct and that you authorized the transaction. If you find something suspicious, contact the company that issued the account and the credit-rating agency. □

## Technology shines on an otherwise sluggish day for US stocks

**By DAMIAN J. TROISE**

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP) —** Technology companies were a standout in midday trading on Wall Street Monday in an otherwise sluggish day for the stock market.

The tech sector was the only one to boast sizable gains, led by Apple and Microsoft. Many other sectors were lower, especially makers of consumer products like Philip Morris International and J.M. Smucker. Halliburton soared after turning in a solid earnings report, driven by gains in its overseas business, but



The logo for Boeing appears above a trading post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Monday, July 22, 2019.

**Associated Press**

otherwise earnings news was relatively calm ahead of a big week for earnings reports.

Nearly 150 companies in the S&P 500 will report their quarterly results before Friday.

Investors have been assessing a mostly mixed batch of company results over the past week and have not been impressed. The market has been mostly sliding since hitting its latest record highs a week ago, and is coming off its worst week since May.

Whirlpool and TD Ameritrade report their results after the market closes. Later this week, the government will report initial figures on how fast the U.S. economy

grew in the second quarter.

**KEEPING SCORE:** The S&P 500 index was up 0.2% as of 11:45 a.m. Eastern time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was little changed at 27,151. The technology-heavy Nasdaq rose 0.6%.

**BREACH BILL:** Equifax rose 0.5% after a settlement was announced calling for the credit reporting agency to pay up to \$700 million over a huge data breach two years ago that exposed personal information of nearly 150 million people. The breach was one of the largest ever to threaten private information. □

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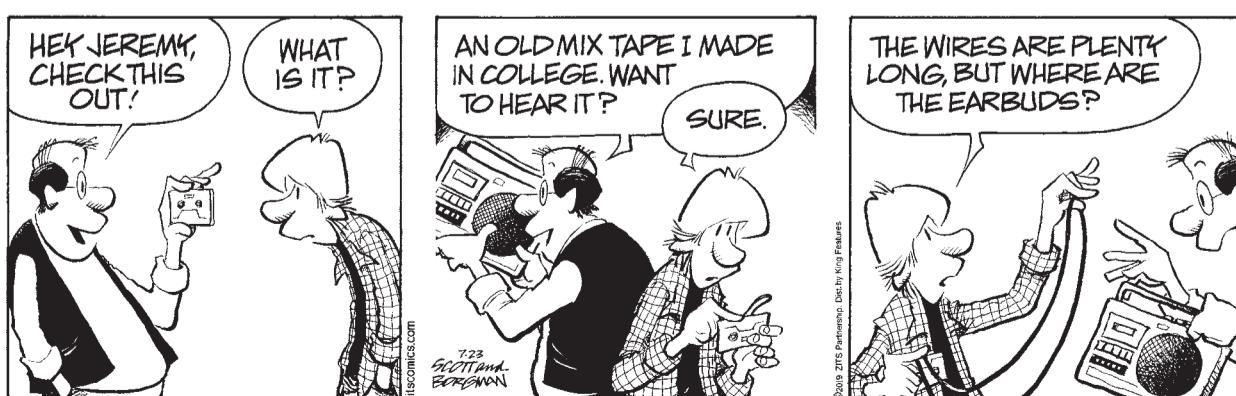
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## Baby Blues



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## Conceptis Sudoku

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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## Goose freed, got stuck in pizza driver's car grille

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BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) —

Authorities say a goose that got stuck in a pizza delivery driver's car grille in Vermont is expected to make a full recovery.

Driver Ryan Harrington tells WCAX-TV he saw a goose waddling across the road in Burlington on Saturday. He slammed his brakes, but heard a thud and knew he struck the bird. But he wasn't prepared to see it stuck in his car — and alive — when he returned to work.



In this Saturday, July 20, 2019, photograph provided by Tanisha Tyler, a goose is stuck in the grille of a pizza delivery driver's car in Burlington, Vt.

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His manager got through to a police dispatcher who alerted authorities and a nonprofit animal rescue group. The fire department arrived to help free the goose, named Roberto, or Roberta if it's a girl. The goose was taken to a wildlife rehabber in Poultney who says it may have a broken pelvis, but they expect it will survive. □



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Associated Press

## India launches moon mission a week after it was aborted

By ASHOK SHARMA

Associated Press

**NEW DELHI (AP)** — India suc-

cessfully launched an un-manned spacecraft to the far side of the moon Monday, a week after aborting the mission because of a technical problem.

Scientists at the mission control center burst into applause as the rocket lifted off in clear weather as scheduled at 2:43 p.m. from Sriharikota in southern India. K. Sivan, head of India's space agency, said the rocket successfully injected the spacecraft into orbit.

The spacecraft — named Chandrayaan, the Sanskrit word for "moon craft" — is scheduled to land on the lunar south pole in September and send a rover to explore water deposits confirmed by a previous mission that orbited the moon. If India did manage the soft landing, it would be only the fourth to do so, following the U.S., Russia and China.

India's first moon mission orbited the moon in 2008 and helped confirm the presence of water. The

country plans to send its first manned spaceflight by 2022.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the country's lunar program will get a substantial boost, writing on Twitter that the country's existing knowledge of the moon "will be significantly enhanced."

The launch of the \$141 million moon mission a week earlier was called off less than an hour before liftoff because of a "technical snag."

Media reports said the launch was aborted after scientists from the Indian Space Research Organization identified a leak while filling helium in the rocket's cryogenic engine. The space agency neither confirmed nor denied the reports, saying instead that the problem had been identified and corrected.

The spacecraft that launched Monday is carrying an orbiter, lander and rover that will move around on the lunar surface for 14 Earth days. It will take around 47 days to travel before landing on the moon. □



In this file photo dated Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018, a man leaves a beach in Rafina, east of Athens, some ten days after a wildfire swept through the area leaving 76 people killed by Greece's deadliest wildfire in decades.

Associated Press

## AP Explains: Deadly mega-fires bring new challenge to Europe

By BARRY HATTON

Associated Press

**LISBON, Portugal (AP)** —

The European Union describes wildfires as "a serious and increasing threat" across the continent.

Most alarmingly, forest blazes are growing in intensity, especially in southern countries such as Greece, Spain, France, Italy and Portugal but also in Scandinavia.

Experts warn the continent needs to get ready for blazes that reach a massive new scale. These superfires, or mega-fires, are catastrophic events that kill and blacken broad areas and are hard to stop.

Here's a look at Europe's wildfire problem.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Between 2000 and 2017, 611 firefighters and civilians died in wildfires in European Union countries, with economic damage calculated at more than 54 billion euros (\$60.5 billion).

Portugal suffers more than most, recording over 18,000 wildfires a year since 2007. Huge blazes in 2017 killed at least 106 people.

Though the European trend is for fewer blazes and smaller areas charred, except in Portugal, bigger and meaner forest fires are stretching emergency assets and government bud-

gets. Added to that, the peak fire season is becoming longer, extending into June and October, with an increasing number of mega-fires.

These extreme blazes are characterized by the rapid spread of flames, intense burning, unpredictable shifts in direction and embers that are carried far away.

But according to an EU report last year, authorities are still using traditional methods to fight fires, relying on water to extinguish flames instead of investing in long-term efforts needed for prevention.

### WHAT'S CAUSING IT?

In Western Europe, people have been leaving the land and moving to the cities.

Abandoned fields, pastures and forests have been left to themselves, becoming overgrown with what turns into fuel for wildfires.

Instead of a properly tended patchwork of different vegetation, some of which is more fire-resistant, large areas of countryside have dense and continuous forest cover which benefit and propagate blazes.

Conifer forests and eucalyptus plantations, which provide income for landowners, are common and burn fiercely.

The spread of urban areas, meanwhile, has brought homes close to forests, and danger lies in the proximity. In Greece last summer, an additional hazard came from lax oversight of urban planning.

Illegally constructed buildings in woodland and coastal areas were a contributing factor in the deaths of 101 people in Mati, outside of Athens, where many drowned as they tried to swim away from intense heat and smoke engulfing beaches.

More severe droughts nowadays are leaving forests tinder-dry. Spells of unusually high temperatures are also facilitating blazes.

Both of those challenges have come with climate change, with scientists saying that Sahara-like conditions are jumping the Mediterranean Sea into southern Europe.

Forest management policies work on a decades-long timescale and need to be more adaptable, EU authorities say.

Prevention "does not receive the necessary emphasis and funding compared to fire suppression," according to the EU, while "the preparedness of agencies and communities to deal with extreme fire events is often far from optimal." □

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## Double take: Celebrities take mistaken identity in stride

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — "Hey, aren't you ..." Well, no. As famous as they are, celebrities sometimes get misidentified as another A-list face, but many told The Associated Press that they take it in stride.

"I get (mistaken for) everyone, anyone who has red hair," laughed "Mad Men" star Christina Hendricks, who has been confused with Oscar nominee Jessica Chastain. The culprits include a department store worker who wrongly identified her as the "Zero Dark Thirty" actress.

"Chastain's epic," Hendricks said.

For Chastain, the redhead double take usually involves Bryce Dallas Howard: "I remember one time being on the subway and I was looking at a magazine and there was a picture of her in it, like a small picture, and I was like 'What am I doing in this magazine?' I actually had that thought," Chastain recalled.

Even Howard's dad — director Ron Howard — was once fooled, Chastain said. "I was walking by and I was like 'Oh, that's Ron Howard.' And then my friend who was with me said he turned to someone and goes 'I think I just saw Bryce.'"



This combination photo shows actress Jessica Chastain at an exclusive fan event for "X-MEN: Dark Phoenix" in London on May 22, 2019, left, and actress Christina Hendricks at the Vanity Fair Oscar Party in Beverly Hills, Calif. on Feb. 24, 2019.

When the 2011 film "The Help" came along and the two actresses got to work together, they ran to a mirror. "We looked at each other, at our faces, and we were like 'Yeah we look exactly alike,'" Chastain said. It's not just about the redheads.

Sienna Miller is often mistaken for a certain fellow blonde: "Me and Naomi Watts are friends, but we often get sent each other's

headshots to sign, which I'll take happily."

As for Watts, she gets mixed up with friend and fellow Australian Nicole Kidman, but she doesn't really see it. "We sometimes look at each other and go, 'It's not the nose, is it the lips? No it's not that. Is it the eyes?' I don't know what it is."

And it's not just women. Jake Gyllenhaal thinks it's just good hair in general. "I think as actors we like to

think that we're special, but most of the time people really can't differentiate any of us. We're all sort of the same, with no real special skill besides the fact that you know our hair looks nice 'cause somebody else did it."

If you mistake Samuel L. Jackson for another actor, don't expect him to correct you. "I just sign what they want me to sign for whoever they think I am,"

**Associated Press**

he said. There's one actor he's consistently confused with: Laurence Fishburne. Gabrielle Union said she gets mistaken for "every black person you've ever met in life, famous or not." Among her supposed lookalikes are singers Brandy and Ashanti and actresses Sanaa Lathan, Regina Hall and Halle Berry. Union blames the identity mix-ups on laziness.

"Last night I was walking out of a restaurant and the paparazzi was, he might have been the laziest paparazzi I've ever encountered. He was like 'Are you a singer?' I was like, 'Yes, I'm Ashanti.'"

Pakistani-American comedian Kumail Nanjiani cites Kunal Nayyar, Aziz Ansari and Hasan Minhaj as his celebrity lookalikes, and it works both ways. "It happens to them with me," he said. "And so, I feel at least we all have this weird thing in common in that we get mistaken for each other, even though we don't really look alike."

In a more unusual identity goof, Mindy Kaling said she's been mistaken for Nobel Prize-winning activist Malala Yousafzai: "I was once mistaken at a New Yorker party for Malala. And I said, 'I'll take it. She's 19. That's fine.'" □

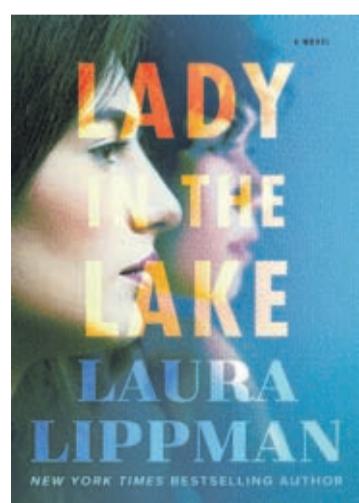
## Laura Lippman's new stand-alone novel is superb

**By OLIVE H. COGDILL**

**Associated Press**

"Lady in the Lake" (William Morrow), by Laura Lippman. Everyone wants to feel that he or she has an impact on the world or to have just one other person believe — no, know — that what he or she does is important, which is featured heavily in Laura Lippman's new superb stand-alone novel, "Lady in the Lake."

Elegantly written, the novel moves with an eye to how people adapt to changes in culture, or maybe how an evolving culture causes shifts in people. "Lady in the Lake" works well on several levels — as a look at the mid-1960s and a view of racism, sexism and the



This cover image released by William Morrow shows "Lady in the Lake," by Laura Lippman.

**Associated Press**

intersection of ennui and ambition. It is also a paean to newspapers and the struggle of women reporters during that time.

Lippman has wisely chosen an unconventional mystery with "Lady in the Lake," focusing on the internal rage that drives many of its characters. That internal rage certainly propels Madeline "Maddie" Schwartz, a 37-year-old Jewish housewife who leaves her well-to-do husband, Milton, and the couple's perfectly decorated Baltimore home. At one time, Maddie had goals that reached beyond marriage, mothering their only child, Seth and keeping a kosher home. But this is Baltimore during the 1960s and Maddie is forced to see how difficult the world can be. She moves into an apartment in a sketchy neighborhood and begins

an affair with a black cop. But she hadn't planned this move carefully. She left behind most of her valuable possessions and relies on Milton for money.

Eventually, she lands a low-level newspaper job but isn't taken seriously, even when she tries to investigate the murder of Cleo Sherwood, a young black woman whose body was found in the Druid Hill Park fountain. Her editors don't see the importance of the death of a black woman, whom Maddie calls the "lady in the lake." Nevertheless, Maddie persists.

While "Lady in the Lake" revolves around Maddie, Lippman also richly delves into the personas of those

in Maddie's orbit — people she may never have thought about while living in that comfortable home. As part of her maturation, Maddie finds a link to each person and a deeper connection to Cleo. Maddie isn't always the most likable of characters, but Lippman makes readers care deeply about her.

The author shows each character in the context of the era's culture that is on the cusp of change. Gender and racial roles are in flux, but the changes aren't coming quickly enough.

Lippman again proves she's a sharp observer of people, with an affinity for shaping complicated people in a refined plot. □

## In Tarantino's latest, a radiant Hollywood fable

By JAKE COYLE  
Associated Press

Quentin Tarantino has, for a while now, been reminding us what's so great about movies — or at least, what he thinks is so great about them.

He's made an old-fashioned double-feature ("Death Proof," of "Grindhouse"), resurrected the wide-screen format of 70mm Ultra Panavision ("The Hateful Eight") and

generally presided as the pre-eminent B-movie evangelist for a generation. The power and thrill of exploitation movies, he has earnestly espoused, can conquer all evils — or at least slavery ("Django Unchained") and the Nazis ("Inglourious Basterds").

But "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood," set in 1969 Los Angeles, is Tarantino's most affectionate and poignant ode yet to the movie busi-

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This image released by Sony Pictures shows Leonardo DiCaprio in Quentin Tarantino's "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood."

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ness. It's a breezy, woozy Hollywood fable that luxuriates in the simple pleasures of the movies and the colorful swirl of the Dream Factory's backlot. Some pleasures are nostalgic, and some — like driving down Sunset Boulevard or martinis at Musso & Frank — are everlasting.

Here, movie love feels contagious, like something in the air. In one of the film's best scenes, Margot Robbie's Sharon Tate explains at a theater's ticket office that she's in the movie, the newly released caper "The Wrecking Crew," ("I'm the klutz!" she says cheerfully). Inside, she giggles with delight at seeing herself on the big screen, giddily mimicking her character's martial-arts moves and watching to see if the audience laughs at one of her lines. (They do.)

The pleasures in "Once Upon a Time" are also ours. Tarantino, has lowered his typically feverish temperature to a warming simmer, bathing us in the golden California light and the movie-star glow of his leading men, Leonardo DiCaprio and Brad Pitt. They spend copious amounts of time driving through the Hollywood Hills in a creamy Coupe de Ville, riding along like Butch and Sundance and just as nice to look at.

DiCaprio is Rick Dalton, a

Burt Reynolds-type actor of TV Westerns (his claim to fame is the '50s hit "Bounty Law") whose career is stalled. Pitt is Cliff Booth, his stunt double and best friend, a war veteran with a bad reputation but a friendly, relaxed manner. They have a natural, easy rapport, with Booth doubling as a drinking buddy and support system for Dalton, who's increasingly anxious about his typecast future. (Al Pacino, as his agent, urges him to head to Italy for a spaghetti Western.)

In DiCaprio's finest sequence, he chats between takes on a Western called "Lancer" with a frightfully serious Method Acting 8-year-old co-star (Julia Butters) before forgetting his lines.

After a bout of self-loathing in his trailer, he returns and nails the scene. DiCaprio, a preternaturally self-possessed actor himself, captures the whole arc beautifully.

It's not that "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood" doesn't revolve around that grisly tragedy. It looms always in the background, and eventually in the foreground, too, after Booth picks up a hitchhiker (Margaret Qualley) who leads him to the Manson compound at Spahn Ranch, the former production site of TV and film Westerns

where Manson's mostly female acolytes emerge and Booth goes to check on the owner, an old friend, George Spahn (Bruce Dern). Dalton and Booth are fictional concoctions surrounded by real people, including their neighbors: Tate and her husband, Roman Polanski (Rafal Zawierucha).

By the film's climax, blood will spill and movie-made historical revisionism will have its day. But I suspect a lot of Tarantino fans will be taken by surprise at the film's leisurely pace, set more to a (and this a good thing) "Jackie Brown" speed.

As in that film, Tarantino isn't purely living in an over-the-top movie fantasy world, but one teetering intriguingly between dream and reality. The dialogue and action has slowed down enough to allow a little wistfulness and melancholy to creep in.

At times, his path is a little wayward and prone to digressions.

Tarantino feels perilously close to simply turning his movie into several of Dalton's, so eager is he (like the Coens were in "Hail, Caesar!") to lovingly adopt those period styles. But usually, the detours are hard to resist. In one, Booth ends up in a fight with Bruce Lee (Mike Moh) on the set of "The Green Hornet." □

## 1960s prankster Paul Krassner, who named Yippies, dies at 87

By CHRISTOPHER WEBER

JOHN ROGERS

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Paul Krassner, the publisher, author and radical political activist on the front lines of 1960s counterculture who helped tie together his loose-knit prankster group by naming them the Yippies, died Sunday in Southern California, his daughter said.

Krassner died at his home in Desert Hot Springs, Holly Krassner Dawson told The Associated Press. He was 87 and had recently transitioned to hospice care after an illness, Dawson said. She didn't say what the illness was.

The Yippies, who included Jerry Rubin and Abbie Hoffman and were otherwise known as the Youth International Party, briefly became notorious for such stunts as running a pig for president and throwing dollar bills onto the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Hoffman and Rubin, but not Krassner, were among the so-called "Chicago 7" charged with inciting riots at 1968's chaotic Democratic National Convention.

By the end of the decade, most of the group's members had faded into obscurity. But not Krassner, who constantly reinvented himself, becoming a public speaker, freelance writer, stand-up comedian, celebrity interviewer and author of nearly a dozen books.

"He doesn't waste time," longtime friend and fellow counterculture personality Wavy Gravy once said of



In this May 7, 2009, file photo, author, comedian and co-founder of the Yippie party as well as stand-up satirist, Paul Krassner, 77, poses for a photo at his home in Desert Hot Springs, Calif.

Associated Press

him. "People who waste time get buried in it. He keeps doing one thing after another."

He interviewed such celebrity acquaintances as authors Norman Mailer and Joseph Heller and the late conservative pundit Andrew Breitbart. The latter, like other conservatives, said that although he disagreed with everything Krassner stood for, he admired his sense of humor. An advocate of unmitigated free speech, recreational drug use and personal pornography, Krassner's books included such titles as "Pot Stories For The Soul" and "Psychedelic Trips for the Mind," and he claimed to have taken LSD with numerous celebrities, including comedian Groucho Marx, LSD guru Timothy Leary and author Ken Kesey.

He also published several books on obscenity, some with names that can't be listed here. Two that can are "In Praise of Indecency: Dispatches From the Valley of Porn" and "Who's to Say What's Obscene: Politics, Culture & Comedy in America Today."

For his autobiography, Krassner chose the title, "Confessions of a Raving, Unconfined Nut: Misadventures in the Counterculture," using a phrase taken from an angry letter to the editor of a magazine that had once published a favorable profile of him. "To classify Krassner as a social rebel is far too cute," the letter writer said. "He's a nut, a raving, unconfined nut."

What he really was, Krassner told The Associated Press in 2013, was a guy who enjoyed making people

laugh, although one who brought a political activist's conscience to the effort.

He noted proudly that in the early 1960s, when abortion was illegal in almost every state, he ran an underground abortion referral service for women.

"That really was a turning point in my life because I had morphed from a satirist into an activist," he said. His original career choice, however, had been music.

A child prodigy on the violin, he performed at Carnegie Hall at age 6. Later he all but gave up the instrument, only occasionally playing it as a joke during lectures or comedy routines. "I only had a technique for playing the violin, but I had a real passion for making people laugh," he would say.

After studying journalism

at New York's Baruch College, Krassner went to work for Mad Magazine before founding the satirical counterculture magazine The Realist in 1958. He continued to publish it periodically into the 1980s.

For a time in the 1950s, he also appeared on the stand-up comedy circuit. There, he would meet his mentor, Lenny Bruce, the legendary outlaw comic who pushed free speech to its limits with routines filled with obscenities and sexual innuendo that sometimes landed him in jail.

When the counterculture arrived in earnest in the '60s, Krassner was working as a comedian, freelance writer, satirist, publisher, celebrity interviewer and occasional creator of soft-core pornography. To mark the death of Walt Disney in 1966, he published a colorful wall poster showing Disney cartoon characters engaging in sex acts. When he and other anti-war activists, free-speech advocates and assorted radicals began to plot ways to promote their causes, Krassner said he soon realized they would need a clever name if they wanted to grab the public's attention.

"I knew that we had to have a 'who' for the 'who, what, where, when and why' that would symbolize the radicalization of hippies for the media," Krassner, who co-founded the group, told the AP in 2009. "So I started going through the alphabet: Bippie, Dippie, Ippie, Sippie. I was about to give up when I came to Yippie." □

## Universal to release 2 new films in its 'Halloween' saga

Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Universal says it will release two new "Halloween" films, including one with the ominous title "Halloween Ends."

The studio said Friday that the first of the films, "Halloween Kills," will be released in 2020 and the second film will come in 2021. A teaser video includes the voice of Jamie Lee Curtis, who starred in the original 1978 film and last year's blockbuster sequel,

"Halloween." The video states the saga of Curtis' character, Laurie Strode, and villain Michael Myers "isn't over."

Universal says "Halloween Kills" will be released on Oct. 16, 2020, and "Halloween Ends" will arrive Oct. 15, 2021.

Last year's film set records and earned \$253.5 million worldwide.

Curtis is also serving as a producer on the films, which are being overseen by Blumhouse Productions. □



In this April 4, 2019 file photo, Jamie Lee Curtis, recipient of the CinemaCon vanguard award, poses at the Big Screen Achievement Awards at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

Associated Press

## Wine and waterfalls in the Columbia River Gorge

By SALLY CARPENTER HALE

Associated Press

**HOOD RIVER, Ore. (AP) —** The Columbia River Gorge is a marvel of nature known for spectacular waterfalls, scenery and hiking. But it's also famous in the world of wine.

The region's geology has given rise to a wine industry that's growing in both number and reputation, with more than 40 wineries within a 40-mile (60-kilometer) stretch. In 2004, the Columbia Gorge was designated an American Viticultural Area, a wine grape region distinguished by geographic features.

Here's a look at the gorge, the wine region and wineries, along with what visitors need to know about the wildfire that made headlines last year.

### THE GORGE, THE FALLS AND THE FIRE

The gorge is an 80-mile-long (129-kilometer-long) canyon with dozens of waterfalls spilling down towering cliffs. The most famous is Multnomah Falls, 620 feet high (189 meters).

The Columbia River cuts through the gorge on its way to the Pacific Ocean, forming the boundary between Oregon and Washington through the Cascade Range mountains north of Mount Hood and past heavily forested hillsides and huge boulders.

Interstate 84 on the Oregon side of the river and Highway 14 on the Washington side offer easy access to trailheads, viewpoints and rugged parks.

The windy gorge is also a favorite spot for wind- and kite-surfers.

A wildfire burned more than 20,000 acres (8,000 hectares) of the gorge last fall. But little evidence of it can be seen from the road, aside from a very few scorched trees cut down just east of Multnomah Falls. The lower viewing platform at the falls has reopened, though the trail to the upper platform remains closed. Elsewhere, Horsetail and Wahkeena Falls are also closed and not expected to reopen until at least this summer,



This Aug. 11, 2017 photo shows wine for sale at the Cathedral Ridge Winery in Hood River, Ore., in the Columbia River Gorge.



This Aug. 11, 2017 photo shows the vineyards at Cathedral Ridge Winery in Hood River, Ore., in the Columbia River Gorge.

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but others like Latourell Falls are open. An updated list of the status of hiking trails and recreational areas can be found here: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/crgnsa/recreation>.

### THE WINE REGION

Many of the wineries are clustered around Hood River, an hour east of Portland. Wine tasting in the region is a relaxing contrast to the Willamette Valley south of Portland, where traffic and crowded tasting rooms can detract from the experience. Tasting fees are comparable, \$10-\$15 per

person.

Wine tasting was our mission one day while in Portland for a reunion show by my husband Rick's rock band. We rented a party bus and filled it with 16 people—college buddies from around the country and local friends and family. With a soundtrack of classic garage rock, we headed across the Columbia and east on Highway 14, past Wind Mountain, Dog Mountain—known for its spring wildflowers—and Beacon Rock State Park. We saw the Bonneville Dam, which

generates enough electricity to power half a million homes. We passed the Bridge of the Gods, a steel truss cantilever bridge that leads to Cascade Locks, Oregon.

Nearby Stevenson, Washington, is home to Skamania Lodge, a resort that features 254 guest rooms, two restaurants, a golf course, an outdoor zipline and aerial park, and onsite hiking trails. Stevenson also offers many restaurants and watering holes, such as the Walking Man Brewery, to those just passing through. Deeper into the gorge, we passed through White Salmon, Washington, a popular spot for white-water rafting and kayaking on the White Salmon River. Whimsical street art and restaurants line its tiny main street, including the Everybody's Brewing pub, with an outside deck and a view of Mount Hood across the river in Oregon.

### THE WINERIES

At COR Cellars, in Lyle, Washington, we were treated to a lovely view of Mount Hood. The winery, founded in 2003 by Luke Bradford, produces 10 wines just west of the boundary between the Columbia Gorge and Columbia Valley AVAs, and uses

grapes from both regions. COR has won acclaim for its cabernet franc, malbec, cabernet franc rose and Alba white, a blend of gewurztraminer and pinot gris. We especially liked the 2015 cab franc. Picnicking is welcome in the courtyard garden.

Next, we headed back west and crossed the Columbia to Hood River for lunch. The town has a huge beer scene — Full Sail, pFriem and Double Mountain among the breweries—but that tour would have to wait for another day. We settled in at Solstice Wood Fire Cafe and sampled some unusual and delicious pizzas, including a cherry and chorizo pie and one made with local cremini mushrooms.

Of Hood River's 15 wineries, we chose two: Viento Wines and Cathedral Ridge Winery. Viento's winemaker, Rich Cushman, is a Hood River native who founded the winery in 2007. Viento sources most of its grapes from several area vineyards, but the winery grows its own riesling in a vineyard planted by Cushman in 1981.

Viento has earned high marks for its Verona, a blend of pinot gris, chardonnay and sauvignon blanc, and for its syrah and sangiovese. We thought the 2014 pinot noir was delicious.

Of the three wineries, Cathedral Ridge had the largest selection, including several reserve wine options. The winery has won numerous awards, primarily for its reds. Winemaker Michael Sebastiani hails from the famous California winemaking family.

We were drawn to the reserve reds—the 2015 Daughter's Rhome, 2015 Rhett's Red, 2014 Rock Star Red (a blend of cabernet sauvignon and syrah), 2014 and 2015 pinot noir, and 2015 cabernet sauvignon/merlot blend.

Heading back to Portland, we uncorked a couple of bottles and vowed to return soon to explore more of the gorgeous gorge and its wineries. □